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Truman Sets Triple Task For Congress

Time For Action To Save Remaining European Democracies From Communism

PROGRAMME OF MARSHALL AID, UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AND REVIVAL OF CONSCRIPTION

WASHINGTON March 17. (Reuter and U.P.A.)): President Harry Truman, in an address to a joint session of Congress on foreign policy, today proposed a temporary reintroduction of conscription in the Unittd States.

President Truman also proposed prompt enactment of universal military training for the speedy completion of action on the European Recovery Programme.

He said these recommendations were to be considered as "most urgent steps toward securing peace and preventing war".

BULWARK AGAINST COMMUNISM

"Until the free nations of Europe have regained their strength and so long as Communism threatens the very existence of democracy, the United States must remain strong enough to support those countries of Europe which are threatened with Communist control and police state rule", the President said.

Mr. Truman declared that the responsibility for the critical situation was chiefly that of one nation, which has "not only refused to co-operate in the establishment of a just and honourable peace, but even worse, has actively sought to prevent it".

ABUSE OF VETO

"Most of the members support the United Nations earnestly and honestly, and seek to make it stronger and more effective. One nation, however, has persistently obstructed the work of the United Nations by constant abuse of the veto.

"But that is not all. Since the close of hostilities the Soviet Union and its agents have destroyed the independence and democratic character of a whole series of nations in Eastern and Central Europe.

"It is this ruthless course of action, and the clear design to extend it to the remaining free nations of Europe, that has brought about the critical situation in Europe today".

FIVE-NATION PACT

The President came out in support of the Five-Nation Pact being signed today at Brussels, calling for a 50-year agreement for common defence, with these words: "I am confident that the United States will by appropriate means extend to the free nations the support which the situation requires.

"I am sure that the determination of the free countries of Europe to protect themselves will be matched by an equal determination on our part to help them to do so".

Mr. Truman continued:

"I believe that we have reached a point at which the position of the United States should be made unmistakably clear.

"There are times in world history when it is far wiser to act than to hesitate.

"There is some risk involved in action—there always is. But there is far more risk in failure to act".

THREE-FOLD PLAN

Mr. Truman then submitted his three-fold programme. He said: "First, I recommend that the Congress speedily complete its action on the European Recovery Programme. That programme is the foundation of our

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U.S. To Have Strongest Air Force In The World

WASHINGTON, March 17 (UPA) — An hour before President Truman addressed the joint session of Congress, Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives Joseph Martin said the United States intends to have the strongest Air Force in the world.

MIXED RECEPTION

WASHINGTON, March 17 (Reuter): American political reaction to President Truman's appeal to Congress for universal military training and revival of conscription cut sharply across party lines tonight.

Some Republicans criticised the Democratic President for "creating a crisis"; others gave his proposals support.

The Senate Armed Services Committee announced that at hearings beginning later today it would consider both the conscription and training requests.

Among the Congressmen who commented on the speech were Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican, Michigan) who complained that the President had not outlined the terms of American foreign policy.

Representative, Charles Saton, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he is doing all he can to meet the President's request for quick passage of the European Recovery Bill.

'FAILURE OF TRUMAN DOCTRINE'

In New York, Mr. Wallace, Third Party Presidential candidate, said: "It is a shameful call for world remobilisation, a complete admission of the failure of the Truman Doctrine, and a call for an American police state to which I shall pay my complete respects in a broadcast tomorrow night".

Worse Than Declaration Of War

WASHINGTON, March 17 (UPA) Immediately after delivering his speech, President Truman emplaned for New York, where he will address the Society of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick tonight.

Immediate Congressional reaction to Truman's speech was cautious and mixed and crossed partly lines at times. Perhaps the most outspoken was from Republican Leo Allen, Chairman of the House Rules Committee, who said that Truman "could not have alarmed the people more if he had asked for a declaration of war".

Some Congressmen accused Truman of creating a "national hysteria" in order to keep himself in power. That was the tenor of criticism from representative Frederick Smith, Republican of Ohio

Sheikh Abdullah Sworn In

JAMMU, March 17, (A. P. I.): Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah, President of the All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference was sworn in this morning as the first popular prime minister of Jammu and Kashmir state by the Chief Justice Mr. J. N. Wazib says a communique.

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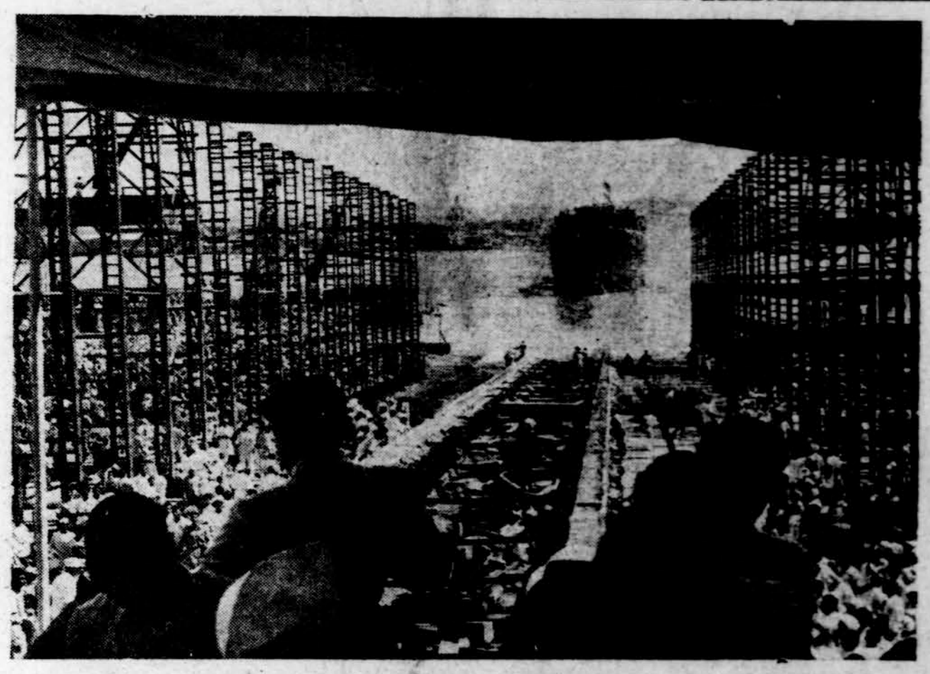

INDIA'S FIRST HOME-BUILT MODERN VESSEL TAKES TO SEA. The "Jala Usha" photographed immediately after its launching on March 14 at Vizagapatam by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

Matsya Union Comes Into Being

Jat Demonstrations Delays Inaugural Durbar By Over An Hour

GADGIL DEPUTISES FOR SARDAR PATEL

BHARATPUR, March 17 (API): Another Union of States—the Union of Matsya—comprising the States of Bharatpur, Alwar, Dholpur and Karauli came into existence today when the Works Minister Mr. N. V. Gadgil, deputising for Sardar Patel, inaugurated the Union at a special Durbar in Bharatpur Fort and administered the oath of office to the Rajpramukh, the Maharana of Dholpur and the Uparajpramukh, the Maharaja of Alwar. Six popular Ministers of the Union were also sworn in.

JATS BLOCK ENTRANCE

The holding of the Durbar was delayed by over an hour as the Jats staged a demonstration, blocking the entrance to the Fort. Their main demand was the inclusion of a Jat representative in the Union Cabinet. The demonstrators who remained peaceful were assured that their grievances would be considered and redressed. Thereupon they dispersed.

Mr. Gadgil who arrived here this morning was received by the Maharaja of Bharatpur, Mr. K. B Seth, Chief Administrator and other officials. Later Mr. Gadgil and the Maharana of Dholpur inspected a parade and took the salute at the march past.

Court priests offered 'puja' at the saluting base and the Maharana unfurled the Union flag

THE DEMONSTRATION

A couple of hours before the Durbar was scheduled to begin a few hundred Jats took up positions in the inner entrance of the Fort and refused to allow anyone to enter the Fort. Some of the demonstrators said they would not allow the Durbar to be held unless their demands were agreed to.

The demands included the release of Raja Man Sing, brother of the Ruler of Bharatpur, who has been taken to Delhi under the States Ministry's instructions, release of Deshraj Thakur, leader of the demonstrators who had been arrested yesterday, inclusion of a Jat in the Indian Cabinet and that the Indian Union flag should not be hoisted over the Bharatpur Fort which, they claimed, had never surrendered to anybody in the past.

LEADER BROUGHT FROM JAIL TO DISPERSE CROWD

Troops of the Indian Dominion lined up outside the Fort and prevented more demonstrators from getting in. Deshraj Thakur, their leader, was brought from the local prison. He persuaded the demonstrators to disperse peacefully and was then taken back to jail.

The Maharana of Dholpur assured them that their demands would be forwarded to the States Ministry who would no doubt sympathetically consider them. He said that the Durbar would be held and the Union would be inaugurated despite their opposition. Other local leaders also appealed to the demonstrators to disperse peacefully as, otherwise, there were troops waiting outside to clear the way and there would be trouble. The demonstrators thereupon dispersed.

Mr. Gadgil then administered the oath of office to the Rajpramukh and the Uparajpramukh, the Maharana of Dholpur and the Maharaja of Alwar respectively. The Chief Minister of the Union, Shobaram, and his colleagues Jugul Kishore Chaturvedi, Dr. Mangal Singh, Bholanath Master, Gopilal Yadhav and Mr. Chiranjilal Sharma were next sworn in.

TRIBUTE TO RAJPRAMUKH

Mr. Gadgil addressing the Durbar congratulated the rulers on their farsightedness and statesmanship and their response to the call of patriotism Out of nearly 600 States, only two princes held out but he made bold to say that if they did not appreciate the lessons of history and the compulsion of geography, they would be doing so only at their own peril

Mr. Gadgil said he did not share the view of those who abused the Princely Order as enemies of Indian freedom or that they were the relics of an ancient and outgrown feudalism.

Mr. Gadgil paid a tribute to the Rajpramukh, the Maharana of Dholpur, who, he said, embodied the best that was in Hindu culture and would be available for the guidance of the Government of Matsya Union.

ADVICE TO MINISTERS

Addressing the Chief Minister and his colleagues who were sworn in, Mr. Gadgil said that they might belong to the one or the other party but when they assumed office in the name of the people as a whole, they must administer in the interest of the community as a whole. They must act in accordance with the constitution and must be one with people.

Later in the evening, Mr. Gadgil addressed a public meeting and left for Delhi.

AMBEDKAR NOT RESIGNING

(From Our Corrspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 17.

There is no truth whatsoever in I.P.A. story that "Law Minister" Dr. B. R. Ambedkar intends to resign after he has piloted the Constitution Bill through the Constituent Assembly.

Dr. Ambedkar told me that he never had any such intention and whole story is figment of imagination.

SOCIALISTS DECIDE TO QUIT CONGRESS

BOMBAY, March 17.

The National Executive of the Socialist Party of India, which is meeting in the city since yesterday, it is understood, decided to issue directive to all the members of the Party to resign their membership of the Indian National Congress.

The Executive passed a resolution to this effect which further stated that the Socialist Party will work as a full-fledged independent political organisation in the country.

Finishing touches to this resolution will be given at Nasik, where the Executive is reassembling to-morrow

NARIMAN DENIES SOCIALIST STORY

BOMBAY March 17 (I.P.A)—Apropos th ereport appearing in the Press that the Socialists have nominated Mr. K. F. Nariman for the Bombay Mayoralty. Mr. Nariman interviewed by the Indian Press Association said that he ha not consented to it nor was he officially consulted.

Mr. Nariman who was elected to the Corporation on Congress ticket said that if, however, he was unanimously chosen by all parties he would accept the nomination for Bombay's first Mayor under adult franchise. Mr. Nariman said that he would not stand against Congress candidates. He added that the Congress Municipal Party so far had not met and decided who should be Bombay's next Mayor.

EIGHT KILLED IN MID-AIR CLASH

YORK (ENGLAND), March 17 (Reuter): Eight airmen lost their lives today when two "Wellington" aircraft based at R.A.F. station Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, collided in mid-air over the airfield and burst into flames. There were no survivors.

Part of one plane fell in flames on the roof of the Sergeants' Mess which caught fire. A few occupants in the mess received minor injuries. Large pieces of wreckage were strewn over an area a quarter mile in radius.

Masani To Succeed Asaf Ali?

NEW DELHI, March 17: Indian Press Association understands that Mr Minoo R. Masani, member of the Constituent Assembly is the likely successor to Mr. Asaf Ali, the Indian Ambassador in Washington, who is relinquishing his post shortly. It is said that Mr. Asaf Ali will be given a portfolio in the reconstituted Cabinet and Dr. John Mathai will be posted as Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Five-Power Treaty Signed

Fifty-Year Pact Between Benelux, France & Britain

MILITARY AID TO VICTIM OF AGGRESSION IN CONFORMITY WITH U.N.O. CHARTER

BRUSSELS, March 17 (Reuter): The signing of the Five-Nation Treaty of Economic Co-operation and Military Aid was completed by the Five Western European Foreign Ministers at 5-10 p.m. (local time) today.

A fifty-year treaty of Economic co-operation and military aid was signed in Brussels today by the representatives of five Western European countries—Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Britain.

Other States may accede to it on agreed conditions.

Designed "to fortify and preserve the principles of democracy, personal freedom and political liberty, the rule of law and constitutional traditions", the treaty promises that if an armed attack in Europe should be made on any one party to the Treaty, the others will in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter afford all military and other aid and assistance.

All such measures shall be immediately reported to the Security Council and be terminated as soon as the Council has taken the necessary measures to maintain or restore international peace and security, the Treaty emphasizes.

A Permanent Consultative Council will be set up and at the request of any party to the Treaty will be immediately called for consultation between the parties should Germany again adopt an aggressive policy or with regard to any situation constituting a threat to peace in any area or with regard to any danger to economic stability".

In Confirmity With U.N.O. Charter

Article IV of the Treaty says: "If any high contracting party should be the object of an armed attack in Europe, the other high contracting parties will, in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the Charter, afford the party so attacked all the military and other aid and assistance in their power".

Article 51 of the Charter says: "Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to main international peace and security. Measures taken by members in the exercise of this right of self-defence shall be immediately reported to the Security Council.".

Article V says: "All measures taken as a result of the preceding article shall be immediately reported to the Security Council, they shall be terminated as soon as the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security".

The Article adds that the Treaty does not prejudice the obligations of the parties under the Charter or in any way affect the authority and responsibility of the Security Council to take action to maintain or restore international peace and security

PREAMBLE

The preamble to the Treaty declares that the Five Nations are "resolved to reaffirm their faith in fundamental human rights in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the other ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations,

"To fortify and preserve the principles of democracy, personal freedom and political liberty, the rule of law and constitutional traditions, all of which are their common heritage;

"To strengthen, with these aims in view, the economic, social and cultural ties by which they are already united:

"To co-operate loyalty and to coordinate their efforts to create in Western Europe a firm basis of European economic recovery;

"To afford assistance to each other in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, in maintaining international peace and security and in resisting a policy of aggression;

"To associate progressively in the pursuance of these aims other States inspired by the same ideals and animated by the like determination".

They accordingly desire to conclude a Treaty for collaboration in

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SOVIET-BULGARIAN MUTUAL AID PACT

Delegation In Moscow

MOSCOW, March 17 (Reuter) Marshal Stalin has received M. Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, who arrived in Moscow on Monday as the head of a delegation to negotiate a mutual aid pact with Soviet Russia.

M. Molotov and M. Vasil Kolarov, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister were present.

Anglo-Transjordan Treaty

Mutual Military Aid In War

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): Britain and Transjordan have pledged mutual military aid in war and agreed on the roght to bring troops to each other's territory if war comes.

Under the terms of a military annex to the new Anglo-Transjordan treaty, text of which was published today, Britain's almost unrestricted right under the 1946 treaty to station troops in Transjordan had been dropped, but until the two countries agree that the state of world security renders such measures unnecessary, Transjordan invites Britain to maintain units of the Royal Airforce at Amman and Mafaak airfields.

The treaty fully meets the claim of Transjordan Sovereignty, to meet which the revision of the old treaty was undertaken on Transjordan initiative.

STOP PRESS

TRUMAN SPEECH SEQUEL

WASHINGTON, March 17. (UPA): Defence Secretary James Forrestal said today that the fast breaking foreign developments might change the Administration's policy on exporting the scarce steel to Saudi Arabia for oil pipe lines.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (DN), March 17 (API): A crude bomb exploded last night in the Government City College premises cracking a wall of the main building.

ONE KILLED, 47 INJURED

HYDERABAD (DN), March 17 (API) One man was killed and 47 injured including two policemen, when a crude bomb was thrown by some unknown persons at a religious congregation in Aurangabad district recently.

ADMIRALTY BAN

LONDON, March 17. (Reuter): The Admiralty has told Admiral Sir Geoffrey Leyton, who commanded British naval forces in the Malayan campaign, that it reserves the right to censor anything he writes on the Battle for Malaya.

GROMYKO OPPOSES CHILEAN COMPLAINT

LAKE SUCCESS, March 17, (Reuter): At the opening of the Security Council debate on the Chilean-supported charges that Russia has undermined the Czechoslovak Republic, M. Andre Gromyko (Russia) said the Soviet Union categorically opposed inclusion of the Chilean complaint on the Council agenda. Gromyko declared that article 2 of the United Nations Charter prevented the Council from interfering in the domestic affairs of any state.

PRINCIPAL CONVICTED FOR CANING STUDENT

'Ran Beyond Rightful Limit In Maintaining Discipline'

BOMBAY Wednesday.

GANPATI BALWANTRAO GHATGE, PRINCIPAL OF THE HUME AMERICAN MISSION HIGH SCHOOL, BYCULLA WAS FINED RE. ONE BY MR. M. NASRULLAH, PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE AT THE MAZAGAON POLICE COURT ON TUESDAY FOR ASSAULTING A STUDENT WITH A CANE.

The facts of the case are that a student of sixth standard is alleged to have criticised the teacher's method of explaining algebra lessons to the students on October 6th last when the regular class teacher was absent and one Saraf another teacher was deputed to take the algebra class.

Saraf asked the boy to get out of the class which the accused Principal came to know. He called Saraf and the student and asked Saraf as to what the matter was and Saraf explained. The accused then, it is alleged, without asking any explanation from the boy, took a cane and gave about eight cuts and told him to get out of the class.

The boy went home and had fever for three days. He was treated by a doctor and then taken to the Educational Inspector. The accused then, it is alleged, asked the boy to apologise but he refused to do so. The boy did not attend the school and was fined annas two per day for his absence.

The accused defence was that as Principal he had to maintain discipline and had the right to punish students.

The magistrate convicted the accused and remarked that the accused had gone beyond his rightful limit in maintaining discipline in excessively punishing the student. He was fined Re. One and and one day's simple imprisonment.

Tram Car Collides With Victoria

A tram-car, driven by Ramkhilawar Singh, collided with three hack victorias, and broke one of them and then collided with a motor car and damaged it, at the foot of Dongri Bridge, Sandhurst Road, yesterday.

The driver was arrested yesterday by Dongri Police, for alleged rash and negligent driving. Mr. Nasarullah at Mazagaon Court, released him on bail to-day.

REDS CLOSING TOWARDS MANCHURIAN CAPITAL

NANKING, March 17. (Reuter): Chinese Communist forces including Mongolian and Korean cavalry units, were closing in today towards Changchun, capital of Manchuria. Latest reports said they had reached points 20 miles south and 40 miles east of the city.

Government leaders drew up a new strategic plan to defend the city at an emergency conference called last night by Gen. Wei Li Huang, Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, Nationalist despatches reported.

General Wei told reporters before returning to Mukden that he was absolutely confident of success.

Gen. Teng Wen Yi, Chinese Government military spokesman, claimed that Nationalist forces inflicted more than 20,000 casualties on Communists before withdrawing northwards towards Changchun.

The Communists began an attack on Loyang, strategic Lunhai railway junction west of Kaifeng, on March 8. The Government garrison holding the city was less than one division but, though fighting against tremendous odds the Nationalist troops had inflicted 10,00 casualties, Gen. Teng said.

He denied a Communist claim to have captured the city.

Government forces which captured Liaochung 40 miles south-west of Mukden yesterday, were today reported advancing on Liaoyong, 40 miles south of Mukden on the Mukden-Dairen railway. At the same time Government armies driving northwards from the Chinchow sector along the Peiping-Mukden railway were pushing forward again and were reported to have reached the gates of the strategic city of Sinlitun, west of Mukden near the Jehol border.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SYDNEY, March 17 (Reuter) : Ten Federal Unions representing 200,000 workers at a conference here today demanded the resignation of Mr. E. Hanlon, Queensland's Labour Premier, and the dismissal of the Queensland Chief of Police and individual police responsible for "stormtroop activities" against Queensland strikers.

JERUSALEM, March 17 (Reuter) : The Jewish Agency's three-man committee of enquiry today blamed Britain for the Ben Yehuda street explosion in Jerusalem on February 22, in which more than 50 people were killed and 50 wounded.

DACCA, March 17.—In view of the forthcoming visit of the Quaid-e-Azam a meeting of students held today decided to suspend for the time being the strike and demonstration in connection with the Language movement.

CAPE TOWN, March 16 (Reuter) . The United Party, led by General Jan Smuts, South African Premier, and the Labour Party, announced in a joint statement today that had reached agreement on seats they would contest in the general election.

CALCUTTA, March 17.—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai, Leader of the Indian Good Will Mission to Indo-China, returned to Calcutta today after a three weeks' stay in Saigon. Mr. Pillai will proceed to Delhi tomorrow and submit his report to Pandit Nehru.

LONDON, March 17 (UPA) — A high government source today denied reports that Britain's "purge" of communists from the civil service resulted from American pressure.

KARACHI, March 17 (A.P.I.)—The immediate creation of a separate Ministry of Religious Affairs, to be assisted by an Advisory Committee consisting of leading religious heads is suggested by Hazarat Hafiz Khwaja Pir Ghulam Sadiddin, Sajdah Nishin of Tuassa Sharif, who is on a short visit to Karachi.

TEHERAN, March 17 (Reuter) : The centuries-old relations between India and Persia were emphasised in a speech here today at the first official function lunch given by the Persian Premier, Ibrahim Hakimi in honour of the Indian Ambassador to Persia, Sayed Ali Zaheer.

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'ARAB STATES WILL KEEP OUT IF FOREIGN FORCES DO SAME'

El Khouri Promises Non-Interference In Future Fights In Palestine

LAKE SUCCESS, March 16 (U. P. A.): An Arab spokesman announced in the Security Council today that Arab nations would "not interfere in future fights in Palestine as long as no other foreign forces interfered."

Paris el Khouri of Cyria made the announcement only a few hours after the four Big Powers agreed in principle that the warfare in Palestine constitutes a threat to world peace. Three of the powers, Russia, the United States and France, held that the threat was caused by infiltration of Arabs into Palestine from surrounding Arab states.

El Khouri, dean of Arab diplomats in the United Nations, responded quickly in the Security Council with a denial that Arab infiltration into the Holy Land had been heavy because of the Arab world's determination to block the Palestine partition. He said that the "Arab states have not interfered," pointing out that he spoke for the governments of Syria and of other Arab states.

El Khouri apparently was attempting to counter in advance the impending move by the Big Powers to have the Security Council recognize the current trouble in Palestine as a threat to world peace—a step which would require some sort of Council action to stop the Holy Land violence.

El Khouri asserted that the Arab government's will not interfere in future fights in Palestine so long as other foreign forces do not interfere there."

Influential Arabs throughout the Middle East have promised to wage the holy war against partition once Britain turns the Holy Land over to the United Nations on May 15. The Syrian delegate's announcement appeared to mean at least that the governments of Arab states will not give official sanction to such war.

El Khouri said that so far violence in Palestine had been only "military skirmishes between Arabs and Jews of the country." He denied there had been any prolonged infiltration of Arabs into Palestine from neighbouring states. British officials have reported to the United Nations that as many as 8,000 Arabs have slipped over the border in bands ranging upwards to 1,000 men in size.

El Khouri spoke after another Arab delegate Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon warned the United States that its economic and commercial ties with the oil rich Arab world might be severed if American support of Palestine partition continues.

The Security Council adjourned after hearing the two Arabs to let Russia, the United States, France and China work out the final terms of their tentative finding that a threat to peace now prevails in Palestine. They were given until Friday to prepare a draft resolution which places the blame for the threat to peace and proposes the first step toward removing the threat.

ARAB WARNING TO U.S

A leading Arab spokesman warned the United States in the United Nations Security Council today that the United States economic and commercial relations with the oil rich Arab world may be severed if it continues to support the partition of Palestine.

Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon served notice that the Arabs are determined as ever to block the partition plan.

Offering little hope that the Arabs would accept the Big Powers' plea for a truce in Palestine, Chamoun unleashed a biting attack on the United States for its once dominant role in the United Nations Palestine negotiations. Chamoun said: Economic and commercial transactions between Arab countries and the United States are substantial and until lately were expanding. 'Today their existence is menaced by the prejudicial attitude the American delegation has taken toward the vital problem of Palestine'.

Arab officials said that there was no doubt Chamoun was trying to imply that the Arabs might break off economic relations with the United States.

Chamoun charged that American Zionists "will not hesitate to throw their country into a wild military adventure with all its tragic consequences". He told the Council that in their drive for Security Council backing of the wavering Palestine partition programme, the Zionists were determined to make the United States contribute "an American expeditionary force" and the "lifting of embargo on arms from America."

He said that "Arab countries are unanimous in rejecting the recommendations of the General Assembly and they will never accept".

Chamoun said to American delegate Warren Austin: "Above all, I beg you to advise your politicians to stop playing with fire for the sake of their local interest. The present situation of the world does not allow it".

Chamoun contended in detail that Communists are intent on stirring up trouble in Palestine in hopes of encircling Turkey, Greece and Iran despite the Truman doctrine.

Chamoun said that the United States United Nations delegation should "advise certain members of your press who unfortunately tend toward confounding Zionist interests with those of this great American nation to calm down their hysterical and clamorous campaigns". He added: "Lastly I demand that your Zionists here be American citizens and nothing but American citizens".

Recalling Of U. S. Army Reserve Officers To Duty

Legal Opinion Sought On President's Powers

WASHINGTON, March 16 (U.P.A.): The United States Army has asked its legal experts for a ruling on whether some 1,323,753 reserve officers and men who served in World War II can be called back to active duty without an act of Congress, it was disclosed today.

This was brought out in a survey of the military manpower situation on the eve of the joint session of Congress at which President Truman reportedly will renew his appeal for universal peacetime training.

A survey showed that 1,273,733 officers and men are on active duty in the Army Navy and Airforce, and 226,363 were available for presidential call in the National Guard. In addition more than 12,000,000 ex-servicemen are in the vast unorganized reserve pool created by a little-known clause of the selective service law. All these are former enlisted men, and officials said it definitely would require Congressional action to mobilize them. But army personnel officers believe that almost everyone who held a commission during World War II is subject to recall if the President so decides. They point out that officers are not given a discharge like enlisted men but merely are placed on "inactive duty". Army officials are strongly of the opinion that all of these officers plus those enlisted men who voluntarily signed up in the enlisted reserve corps can be called to active duty on the same basis as the national guard, that is, by Presidential proclamation of a national emergency

But, they said the legal situation is not clear cut. Legal experts already have been asked to settle the question

In a different range are most enlisted men who entered the service during the war through selective service. Section C of the selective service law provides all discharged selectees automatically go into reserve status for ten years or until they are 45 years old.

Some high army officers were understood to feel that World War II veterans should be called back only in the most extreme emergency. But they also believed it may be necessary to revive selective service to make up the serious manpower shortages in the armed forces.

In any event, they contend any peacetime draft should apply only to men, 18 to 25, who have had no previous military experience.

INDIAN FORCES PROGRAMME WAVELENGTH.

NEW DELHI, March 17.

The wavelengths of the Indian Forces Programme broadcast from the All-India Radio, New Delhi, have been changed from today. The new wavelengths are 31.30 metres and 60.48 metres.

'MONEY DESTROYED BY FIRE' PLEA

Army Officer's Appeal To Privy Council

LONDON, March 15 (Reuter): A former Major, attached to a unit of the Indian Engineers, appealing here today against his sentence at Lahore in October 1943 for alleged misappropriation of Regimental funds, claimed that the money was accidently destroyed by fire. He was Mr. Albert West Meads, and his appeal, which was heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was from a decision of the Federal Court against the sentence of cashierment and two years imprisonment, contending, that being an officer of the Crown serving in India, he could not be tried by court martial without prior sanction of the Governor-General.

The Federal Court had upheld a decision of the High Court of Lahore of April 1944 dismissing Mr. Meads' petition praying for a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for his release from imprisonment.

Mr. Meads, who appealed in person, said today that at the time he was Commanding Officer of the unit it was alleged that sums of money drawn for pay and regimental funds totalling Rs. 8.961 were misappropriated.

He still maintained that the money was accidentally destroyed by fire on the night of April 22-23, 1943.

He submitted Sec. 270 of the Government of India Act was applicable to the court martial and that the conviction could not stand as the required sanction had not been taken.

Quoting the statement of the Federal Court "in our judgment there is no half-way house; either all court martial proceedings under the Army Act are criminal proceedings within Section 270 of the Act, or no court martial proceedings are" Mr. Meads said he had always thought there was a half-way house.

Lord Simons presiding, told Mr. Meads that if he won on this point the court martial was a nullity, but if it had jurisdiction it was difficult to see what right the Board had to review its findings.

Sir Walter Monckton for the Crown, argued that Section 270 had no application to court martial proceedings held in India under the Army Act.

"It is a point of great importance", Sir Walter said, "because if this construction now contended for is held right a great many sentences in many courts martial would be invalid"

He added that a further question was whether the acts of which Mr. Meads was found guilty were done in the execution of his duty as a servant of the Crown.

Their Lordships said they would consider their judgment.

GOANS WIN KEEN FINAL

Invitation Hockey Ends

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

GOANS	1
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An early goal scored when play was hardly ten-minutes-old enabled the Goans to account for the Maharashtra side in the Invitation Hockey Tournament Final this evening. Lenny D'Souza who scored the goal was subsequently forced to play in the unusual position of left-half as Maxie Vaz was injured very early in the game.

The match was better contested this evening. Both the sides having their share of good moments, though it must be admitted that the winners had a slight advantage during the earlier stages of the match and continued to keep it up till the interval which found them one goal up. After the breather, the losers started to move and caused the defenders quite an anxious time. Pillay and Perumal had, as usual a good match with the outside right Gabriel revealing traces of a match winner. During the final stages of the match he repeatedly sent down pass after glorious pass right down the goal mouth but the forwards were either crowded out or failed to convert their advantage.

The winners had introduced one change, Johnny Vaz replacing Leo D'Sa at inside-right, but for this change the two sides remained the same as those that drew last evening. Diago Fernandes in the deep defence of the winner often used his body to prevent an opponent from getting through after his stick had failed him.

The teams:

Goans: L. Pinto; D. Fernandes and W. D'Souza; F. Gama, G. Perreira and M. Vaz; L. Vaz, J. Vaz, L. D'Souza, J. Pinto and L. Fernandes.

Maharashtra: A. Phillips; J. Phillips and Lingham; Perumal, Metelloo and G. Nimal; Gabriel, Pillay, Dadoo, Salunke and Gulab.

INTER-SERVICES SPORTS MEET

BOMBAY, March 17 (API): An inter-services sports meeting has been arranged by the headquarters, Bombay area.

The meeting, which will be first of its kind, will consist of a hockey tournament, a football tournament and an athletic meeting. There will be eliminating matches and heats in the three tournaments and the finals will be held in Bombay from March 28 to 30.

Australian Davis Cup Team

MELBOURNE, March 17 (UPA): The selection of the 1948 Australian Davis Cup team was announced here today.

Adrian Quist was named captain and manager. Other members chosen were Colin Long and Jeff Brown, both members of the 1947 team, and William Sidwell.

Dinny Pails has turned professional since last year.

John Bromwich was left out of the team because he declined to travel by air.

The Australians plan to leave in June.

Move For International Tennis Championship Of Asia

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): Mr. J. Chinna Durai, Overseas Secretary to the All-India Lawn Tennis Association and India's delegate to the International Lawn Tennis Federation, will be unable to attend the Federation's annual general meeting in Paris on Friday owing to illness.

Mr. Durai who is now in London, was to have submitted in person India's proposals for an annual International Championship of Asia and for an International women's team event for which the Yuvarajah of Pithapuram has expressed his willingness to present a cup. However Mr. Durai has prepared his case and it will be put to the meeting by the Chairman International Federation.

Settlement Of Indonesian Dispute

BATAVIA, March 17, (Reuter): Both Dutch and Republicans have submitted detailed proposals to the United Nations Security Council Good Offices Committee covering all aspects of the final settlement of the Indonesian dispute, reliable informants said here today.

The Committee has begun negotiations on these proposals in its technical committees.

Other sources said the Good Office Committee yesterday rejected Republican request to forward to the Security Council a protest against the establishment of an Indonesian Provisional Federal Government by Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Dutch Lieutenant Governor-General.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

HAVANA, March 17 (Reuter): A plenary session of the International Trade organisation met here today under the chairmanship of Sardar H. S. Malik of India and adopted a resolution establishing an Interim Commission to carry on from the end of the present conference until the first regular I. T. O. conference is convened.

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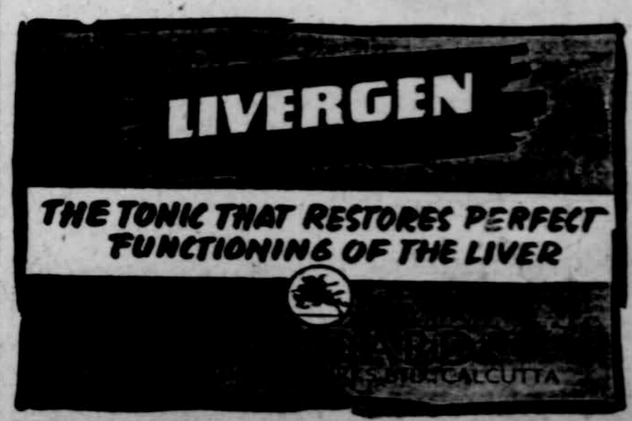

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Mr. and Mrs. NOSHIRWAN KAVASJI PETIGARA regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances the Navjote reception fixed for the 21st instant at their residence Palli Hill, Bandra, has been CANCELLED.

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To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Meeting today (Thursday) at 3 P.M

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 10 tomorrow (Friday) at 7-51 A.M at Kemp Corner and go round with them in the Ward.

THE ASTHIKA SAMAJ: Swami Ranganathanandaji, President, Ramakrishna Mission, Karachi will deliver a public lecture on "Religion & The Modern State" at the Asthika Samaj, Matunga, at 8 P.M. today.

BRAINS TRUST: Today at 6-30 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A., 12 Wodehouse Road, Panel: Dr. J. Kellock (Q.M.) Mrs. C. F. Lynn, Dr. W. M. Hume Mr. P. Narayana Prasad, & Mr H. J. Mulleneux.

THE VIDYADAINI SABHA: At the Annual General Body meeting of the Vidyadaini Sabha, Bombay, held on February 22, 1948, the Managing Committee for the year 1948 was elected with Mr. U. Sheenappa as President; Mr. K. P. Sachindranath as Secretary and Mr. U. G. Kotian Treasurer.

AICC Economic Programme Committee Report

The Report of the Economic Programme Committee of the A.I.C.C. is now available at the Congress House. Copies can be had at 12 annas each.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, March 18 (Thursday).
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. U. L. Shah (Noorani) Ghazal Ghalib) 7-40 News in Marathi 7-50 News in Gujarati 8-0 News in English 8-15 News in Hindustani 8-30 G. G. Kharadkar 9-0 U. L. Shah (Noorani) (Todi Lalit) 12-0 p.m. Vanita Mandal 9 programme in Marathi for women 12-45 News in Marathi 12-50 News in Gujarati 12-55 Bhavgeeten 1-25 News in Hindustani 1230 News in English 1-40 Bhahms Programme The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra 4-20 G. S. Morghode (Vocal) 5-0 Pralhad Ganu (Guri on Dilruba) 5-15 Childrens Half Hour in English 5-45 News in Kannada 6-0 News in English 6-10 News in Hindustani 6-15 G. S. Morghode (Vocal) 6-45 Ratikumar Vyas (Vocal) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Pralhad Ganu (Kafi on Dilruba) 7-30 Sha Mate? 7-45 Roshanara Begum 8-0 News in Marathi 8-15 News in Gujarati 8-30 Shala Master 9-0 News in English 9-15 News in Hindustani 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 Sports Review 10-0 Tlys Hormasji: Piano 10-30 Vere Alban Dasilva: Violin.
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61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Ratikumar Vyas (Vocal) 8-15 Tarabai Gadagkar Preetam Sainya (Lalit Gauri) 9-0 Panditrao Nagarkar 10-0 Tarabai Gadagkar 10-0 Tarabai Gadagkar 10-30 Panditrao Nagarkar 11-0 Close Down.

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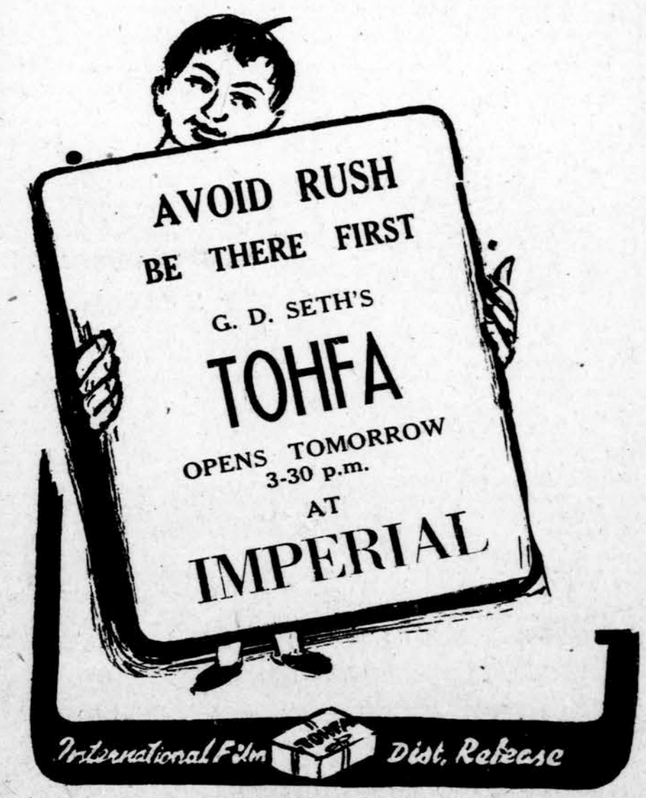

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SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE ON BOMBAY HOUSING PROGRAMME

Questions of allotment of houses built by the Government in pursuance of its housing programme procedure for granting of financial assistance and acquisition of building sites for co-operative housing societies and prohibition of construction of new industrial premises in Greater Bombay, except in zones earmarked for industrial location will be among the subjects for discussion by the Bombay Provincial Housing Advisory Committee convened to meet at the Secretariat on Friday March 19, and subsequent days. Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour and Housing (Chairman) presiding.

Other items on the agenda are the progress report on Government construction, the programme of construction for the coming year, reports of various sub-committees on construction, lands, building materials, research and policy regarding application for permission to erect and re-erect buildings.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:—

(1) Press Note regarding the bill to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, in its application to the Province of Bombay (Bill No. I of 1948).
(2) Reports of Sub-Committees (Research, Construction, Lands and Building Materials) of the Provincial Housing Advisory Committee.
(3) Prohibition of construction of new industrial premises in Greater Bombay, except in Zones earmarked for location of industries.
(4) Question of allotment of houses built by Government in pursuance of Housing Programme.
(5) Policy regarding distribution of pipes, tubes and fittings.
(6) Policy regarding applications for permission to erect or re-erect or to continue to erect or re-erect buildings.
(7) Progress Report on Government Construction.
(8) Programme of construction for the next year.
(9) Appointment of a Sub-Committee for dealing with Co-operative Societies.
(10) Request of the Property Owners' Association for being represented on the Provincial Housing Advisory Committee and (11) Procedure in regard to the grant of financial assistance and acquisition of building sites for the Co-operative Housing Societies.

DECASUALISATION OF TEXTILE LABOUR

Provincial Labour Advisory Board's Recommendations

The appointment of an administrative committee with the Commissioner of Labour as Chairman and two to three representatives each of labour and employers as members to work out the preliminary arrangements and introduce decasualisation in practice on a voluntary basis immediately in the textile industry was recommended to the Bombay Government by the Provincial Labour Advisory Board at its concluding sitting this morning.

In making this recommendation the Board considered the scheme for decasualisation of textile labour in Bombay reported on by its Committee on Employment and Production. This scheme is meant to over-come the defects and short-comings arising out of bribery, corruption and favouritism in recruitment in the textile industry through the jobber who, in practice exercise largely the powers of engagement promotion and dismissal.

RECRUITMENT SYSTEM

The main objects of the scheme are to secure rationalisation of the recruitment system to increase efficiency and production by reducing labour turnover to reduce the waiting period of unemployed workers and to eliminate bribery, corruption and favouritism in recruitment by the setting up of employment exchanges. These exchanges will maintain registers of all persons seeking employment in textile mills and of badhs.

The Board also discussed the report of the Labour Administration Committee on the extension of the Bombay Industrial Relations Act to the textile proceeding industry transport industry engineering industry oil and chemical industries, etc.

On the question of speeding up conciliation arbitration and adjudication the Board recommended the splitting up of disputes for purposes of partial settlement in consilation proceedings provided both parties to the dispute agree to such splitting up. Approval was also given to the suggested time-limit for completing various stages in consilation under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act.

The Board recommended that in suitable cases conciliation proceedings should be eliminated or its period reduced where arbitration could be resorted to. Government would introduce legislation for this purpose enabling a representative union which believed in arbitration as a necessary step before strike to refer any dispute to the Industrial Court or the Labour Courts without first going through conciliation proceedings.

As regars summary procedure for industrial tribunals especially Labour Courts and restriction on the appearance of lawyers Government promised to examine more carefully the suggestions that were advanced before effecting any changes in the existing law.

Other suggestions made during the five-day session of the Board are being met by the provisions for creating works committees production committees and wages boards which had been recommended by the Board during the present series of meetings.

STUDENT TRAINEES TO THE U. N. SECRETARIAT

NEW DELHI, March 16.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations have received a number of queries concerning the scheme of recruitment of student trainees to the United Nations Secretariat. The scheme is at present in its initial stage, and the details are being worked out by the United Nations Secretariat. It is believed however that a competitive examination will be conducted by the United Nations to select a limited number of trainees in each geographical area. A further communique will be issued as soon as the scheme matures and full particulars are received from the United Nations Secretariat. Meanwhile no queries concerning this scheme can be entertained.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF HEADMASTERS

The Government of Bombay has framed rules regarding the powers and duties of the Head Masters of the Municipal Secondary Schools. These rules will be used by the municipalities as model service condition rules as a basis for proposing their own rules without considerable modifications

Rules Under Rent Act

A deputation of the Advocates Association Bombay waited on Mr. Dinkarrao Desai Minister for Law and Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government on Wednesday and discussed with them the draft of rent rules framed under the Rent Restriction Act, which was recently published.

The members of the deputation put forward certain suggestions in the light of their experience of the working the Act.

The Ministers promised to give sympathetic consideration to these suggestions.

In order to provide for more efficient control and development of technical and industrial education in the Province the Government has decided to set up a special organisation with effect from the next financial year with headquarters in Bombay. This organisation will ultimately form part of the Directorate of Public Instruction.

Congress Seva Dal Officers' Training Classes

The officers' Training Classes under the auspices of the Congress Seva Dal will commence from to-day (Thursday) at the following places:

1. Congress House, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
Time: 8 to 9-30 P.M.
2. Vyayam Shala opp. Bombay Glass Factory, Dadar.
Time: 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Those who have registered their names for these classes are hereby informed to be present at either of the above two centers.

N. M. Joshi Not Joining Socialists

BOMBAY, March 17 (IPA): The news of Mr. N. M. Joshi joining the Socialist Party and leaving the All-India Trade Union Congress, which appeared in a section of Bombay Press, were described by a spokesman of the A-I. T. U. C. and Servants of India Society as "fantastic". Interviewed by the Indian Press Association the spokesman said that Mr. N. M. Joshi who at present is in Geneva had definitely not taken any decision nor there are any chances of his leaving the A-I. T. U. C. and join the Socialists.

TAJ TEA PARTY TO RAMDAS KILACHAND

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr Mangulal Trikamlal Vice-President and the directors of the Seeds Traders' Association Ltd., gave a tea party this evening at the Taj Liahal Hotel in honour of Mr. Ramdas Killachand President of the Indian Merchants Chamber.

Mr. Mangulal in the course of his speech paid tributes to Mr. Ramdas and enumerated his many services to the mercantile community to which the guest of the evening made an appropriate reply.

LATE SETH DEVIDAS MADHOWJI THAKERSEY

Bombay has suffered a great loss in the death of Seth Devidas Madhowji Thakersey last Sunday.

A self-made man and a great philanthropist, the late Seth Devidas was born in 1873 at Dwarka. He was educated in Bombay at St. Xavier's College. He then joined his father's business of piecegoods and yarn and expanded it to a very large extent.

In recognition of his business acumen and public and social services the Government of India made him a Justice of the Peace early in 1912 and an Honorary Presidency Magistrate in 1915.

Mr. Thakersey was the Chairman of the Bombay Piecegoods Association and held that office until 1944. He also played an important role in the promotion and development of several important organisations and joint-stock companies, such as the Indian Merchants Chamber, the Indian Mercantile Insurance Co. Ltd., etc. He was a member of the Committee of the former for several years and its Chairman in 1923, and a Director and Chairman of the latter for a long time.

He was the first elected member on the Bombay Port Trust representing the Indian Merchants Chamber and the Piecegoods Association from 1922-32. He was a member of the Local Board of the Reserve Bank of India. And was appointed on several Committees of the Textile Control Board.

He rendered invaluable services to the Hindu community in general, and his community in particular and was elected President of the Halai Bhatia Mahajan and the Chairman of the Trustees Board of the extensive properties belonging to the community.

He leaves behind his ailing widow, a daughter and four sons and a big circle of relatives and friends

Asian Youth Festival

Mr. Prahlad Mehta, a Congress Worker of Bombay, in a statement says.

My name has been published in the booklets circulated by the organisers of the Asian Youth Festival -- I take this opporbunity to state that I have decided to dissassociate myself with this activity and henceforth I have no connection whatsoever with it.

Swadeshi Industries Exhibition At Gadag

GADAG, (By Mail): Mr. S. R. Hiremath, Honorary Secretary, Swadeshi Industries Exhibition, Gadag, writes:—

The Dharwar District Local Board are organising, for the third time, the Swadeshi Industries Exhibition at Gadag, in the last week of April 1948. Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad has been requested to inaugurate the Exhibition. The products of all swadeshi industries have a welcome place in the Exhibition.

RS. 50,000 FOR GANDHI MEMORIAL

Madras:— A sum of Rs. 50,000 for a memorial for Mahatma Gandhi has been provided in the Corporation budget for 1948-49 by the Taxation and Finance Committee of the City Municipal Council.

Charter Of Harijan Demands

BOMBAY, March 17. (U.P.I.): An All-India Harijan Conference will be held in Bombay in the third week of April next, to prepare a charter of Harijan demands for resettlement of Harijan refugees and the uplift of Harijans in India. These demands will then be placed before the national Government of India and the All-India Congress.

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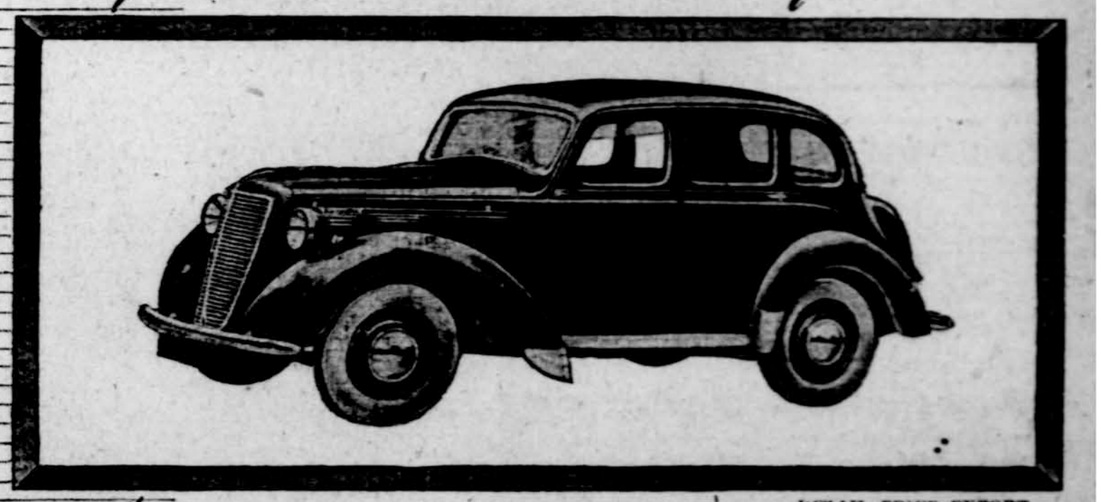
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 17, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st November 1947 and departure from normal, recorded at 8-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 17th March, 1948 :—

Bagalore 88 69 .0 1.5 minus 2.3; BOMBAY 90 70 0 0.3 minus 0.5; Calcutta 83 58 0 7.8 plus 4.5; Cherrapunji 63 45 0 2.5 minus 4.7; Colombo 89 74 0 16.5 minus 10.4; Cuttack nil, Darjeeling nil; Delhi 75 53 0 4.7 plus 2.0; Jubbulpore 86 52 0 1.7 minus 1.0; Kodaikanal 67 50 0.6 11.2 minus 9.4; Lahore 74 48 0 4.8 plus 1.7; Madras 91 77 0 5.6 minus 15.8; Mahabaleshwar 82 60 0 2.8 plus 0.6; Mussoorie 51 36 0 8.4 minus 1.4; Nagpur 90 58 0 4.7 plus 2.1; Ootacamund 72 51 0 3.9 minus 6.4; Pachmarhi 76 48 0 4.5 plus 1.8; Patna 80 60 0 0.6 minus 1.6; Peshawar 72 45 0 3.5 minus 1.8; Poona 88 55 0 2.0 plus 0.6; Shillong nil; Simla 49 33 0 7.3 minus 1.5.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Ask counsel of both times; of the ancient time what is best; and of the latter time what is fittest.

—BACON

The Bombay Chronicle

STATE PATRONAGE TO ART

The prospects of the extension of State patronage to art have brightened in India, with the advent of independence. The Central Government has already dealt with a few exhibitions, but so far it has not realised the need of formulating standards or laying down policy with respect to any art. Some of the artists and authors, to whom art is more or less a commercial interest, despite their professions to the contrary, have been attracted by the El Dorado of the funds provided for art, and are eager to make hay while the sun shines. Let us, however, point out that the random allotment of grants in response to demands for the same is repugnant to the concept of State patronage to art. Grants to individuals, if they are at all considered as forms of patronage, should be determined according to merits and some guiding principles. Equally important, for the purposes of the allotment of grants, is the case of non-Governmental institutions for training in arts, as it is not analogous to that of educational institutions. Since training in various arts, unlike education, is not governed by a uniform policy or system, institutions which will succeed in securing the privilege of grants will, in the public eye, attain the status of standards irrespective of their merits. Consequently, with several institutions claiming themselves as standards, arts like painting, music, dance and drama, will go the way which may not be desirable or right. But we are glad to note that the Government is getting alive to the dangers of subsidizing non-Governmental institutions in an arbitrary manner. We welcome in this connection the outspoken remark made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, while opening an art exhibition at New Delhi the other day, deprecating the practice of inviting officials for opening exhibitions with the purpose of asking them for giving financial assistance from the Government treasury. Such a reproof was deserved by the All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society which organised this particular exhibition and which, in spite of its limitations as a mere local society, has been making persistent attempts to assume the role of a central organisation of art competent to undertake All-India projects and as such to claim grants the same from the Government.

We deprecate the growing tendency on the part of individuals and institutions to submit to the Government national schemes of art and cultural regeneration. At the same time, we expect the Government to be cautious in entertaining such schemes as national, if they are not worked out in a democratic manner. The latest among such schemes, according to a report, is the one submitted by Uday Shankar—the founder of the short-lived Culture Centre at Almora. This scheme aims at the establishment of a new and bigger centre, styled as a national institute by its author, and at the provision in it, of facilities for the training of five to six hundred students in music, drama, dance and cinema. It further envisages deputation, at the expense of the Government, of selected students in groups and in company with supervisors to America, England, Russia and Germany, for training for a period of two or three years. We are at a loss to understand what students will learn about Indian arts in foreign countries. Will they learn there Kathak, Kathakali, Bharata Natya and Manipuri dances or Indian music? We cannot endorse the opinion that India has many things to learn from foreign countries. We think that there are many things which Indians should learn in India itself and which artists, with a few notable exceptions, have reprehensibly neglected. The position of the Indian dance, among other arts, was never so precarious as it is today. Beneath the veneer of modern trends, imitations of western mannerisms, pantomimic gestures, gymnastic feats, improvisations and theatrical effects, are foisted on dance, by irresponsible parties; and the credulous people are asked to accept them as the latest developments. The beautiful Kathak dance of Northern India is facing the danger of extinction, because some dancers have treated it with supercilious indifference and have ridiculed it, without studying it, as a hybrid form. Kathakali, Bharata Natya and Manipuri have also not fared well in the hands of educated dancers and half-trained amateurs, who are noted for their ignorance of, or aversion to, the tradition and classical technique.

The impression left by the standards of dance taught in Almora Centre does not convey an assurance that the training in dance in the new and bigger centre will be in authentic classical technique. The spirit of the defiance of the tradition and classical technique is sure to permeate the atmosphere of every centre if the training in dance in it is not placed under the sole control of right authorities. If the Government of India is inclined to extend patronage to dancers, it should not over-look the claim of hereditary masters to whom the classical dance owes its survival and who have learnt and taught it in humble surroundings. Such masters are the right authorities; but they are not recognised as such today. On the contrary, some of the educated dancers, who have built their reputation as great artistes, mainly on the strength of propaganda and showmanship, have exploited, for their own ends, the names of the few well-known among such masters by placing the latter in the show-windows of their institutions. Before giving a thought to any grandiose or fantastically expensive scheme, the Government should extend liberal patronage to the accredited hereditary masters of all the schools of classical dance and music and should encourage them to continue the tradition of the master-to-pupil system of education in dance and music, and to leave records of the high and authentic technique of their arts. This will be the proper step towards the revival and propagation of classical dance and music. The Indian culture, which had touched phenomenal height in the past, was not elaborated in highly expensive and luxurious centres or sold as a marketable commodity at a heavy price. We do not think that modern India requires such centres for the reorganisation of arts. Mahatma Gandhi has revived the model of the centre—the Ashram, in which literature, art and philosophy for which India is noted, were conceived, created and perfected. In the Sabarmati and Wardha Ashram—in the environments of remarkable simplicity and serenity—he has added new chapters to economical, political and moral codes. Centres of arts could, likewise, be made much less expensive and more efficient. We trust the Government of India will spend funds for art, according to a well-thought-out plan and, especially, will not miss the chance to reclaim hereditary masters who have held, through the ages, India's great arts like music and dance, as a sacred trust.

Frankly Speaking

Very Good News

It was the good fortune of Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, the Food Minister, to give parliament and the country, the best news for a long time, namely, that India's food situation to-day was "definitely much better and absolutely hopeful and sure" as a result of fresh efforts put forth by the Government during the last month. For some years, due to failure of rains and the aftermath of war affecting entire countries and continents, India has been living on the verge of a tragedy comparable to the earlier horrors of Bengal. It has been a marginal existence—in some areas, even less than that—and all the time an existence with no certainty as to the morrow. The Food Minister has made the welcome report that that grave and protracted crisis is more or less over.

Imports From Abroad

Many factors have helped. The position as regards food imports has improved, thanks to the wheat agreement with Australia, increased expectations from Burma and Siam and the agreement with the International Food Organisation which ensures to India for the next five years the supply of seven and a half lakhs tons of wheat every year at reasonable and progressively reduced prices. All this is very welcome and reassuring. But we must not forget that our imports will depend largely on the international situation. If the world is overtaken by a crisis then heaven help all deficit countries including India. Moreover, even though India's expenditure on food imports is, as Mr Chetty said in his budget speech, being appreciably reduced it still remains a drain, seriously handicapping among othe. things, the plans of development, agricultural as well as industrial. Relief from and safeguards against recurring food crises must, therefore, be sought internally.

The Real Solution

Internal factor have also contributed to the improvement. Production has actually exceeded expectations, so that a deficit province, the U. P., finds itself self-sufficient for the year and a number of surplus provinces will have considerably larger surpluses to help the less fortunate. Most welcome is the report that East Punjab, torn by disruption, destruction and disorders, can even this year actually afford to help others instead of needing help. All this is also welcome. But the improvement, internal and external, has only helped the country to escape the serious gravity of the food crisis. Dangers still remain as also actual troubles for certain units like Madras. The problem of agricultural improvement and food production has two aspects, immediate and long-range. Both have got to be tackled. It is true that agriculture is a provincial subject but whatever the Constituent Assembly decides, it is the duty and right of the Centre to make over-all policy, planning and co-ordination its own concern. We are glad the Central Government has a lively realisation of this. The conference of Premiers and Food Ministers of Provinces and States, which Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram is summoning can be made to serve a very useful purpose. The country abounds with plans and schemes of land-reclamation, irrigation and so on, provincial, inter-provincial and all India as also short-range and long-range. What is needed now is that some of them should get going. And what, in view of the Food Minister's optimistic survey, could be a mere auspicious and stimulating time than now?

India And Egypt

A significant and historic ceremony took place in Cairo on Saturday last when Dr. Syed Hossain, India's Ambassador; drove in state to the Abdin Palace to present his credentials to His Majesty King Farouk of Egypt. It was a symbolical expression of the special association between India and Egypt and the ties that bind them together. Both dreamt identical dreams and have undergone identical experiences in the realisation of them. For the new India and new Egypt represent the happy outcome of struggle against domination by the same imperialism. It is a historical fact that during the many years of struggle India and Egypt were bound together by common sentiment, sympathy, hope and objective. With the freedom of both, the ties have not loosened but become stronger and more intimate. For, even more than the past, Egypt and India share the future, too, its privileges and obligations and its demands in the service of the freedom and prosperity of Asia and Africa. India is particularly gratified by and grateful for the sympathy shown to the people of this country on the death of Mahatma Gandhi and the tributes paid to him by King Farouk and his people.

Our Readers' Views

Matriculation Examination

Sir,—Several thousand students have appeared for the Matriculation examination of the Bombay University which is now going on. The examination was to start at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 15th instant. Students thronged to the examination centers much before the scheduled time. Not only had the candidates taken their seats by 11 a.m. but they were all attention since ten minutes before eleven. Every minute rather every second they were expecting the question-paper: but alas! They had to wait and wait, at some places till 11-20 a.m. at others till 11-30 a.m. and at still others till 12. This made many candidates nervous.

In the afternoon too, the same story was repeated — only the delay in distributing the papers was a little longer. The papers which ought to have been distributed at 3 p.m. according to the original time-table were given at 4-30 p.m. at some places the examination continuing till 7-30 p.m.

Considering the Fact that as many as 43,000 candidates have appeared for the Examination, this delay seems to be unpardonable and the neglect criminal as the students had to waste more than two hours of their precious time when they were in no mood to waste a single minute simply because of the carelessness of the university. The lot of the candidates coming to Bombay from distant suburbs like Borivli, Malad etc., was really pitiable.

This is undoubtedly, a sad commentary on the way the affairs of the Bombay University are conducted especially because it has established a good reputation both for the general standard of its examinations as well as for its discipline.

If, therefore, we want that the fair name of the University should not be tarnished, it becomes our bounden duty to see that such a thing is never repeated in future. So, the sooner we mend matters, the better for us.—Yours, etc.

USHA MEHTA

Secondary Teachers' Salary

Sir,—May I request you to spare some space in the columns of your esteemed daily for the following?

Bombay Government's decision on the recommendations made by the Ghate-Parulekar Committee some three months ago is still awaited by thousands of secondary school teachers working in the non-Government schools in this Province. The financial year is almost coming to a close and the secondary school teachers have come to the painful conclusion that the above report has been quietly deposited in the cold storage.

The Ghate-Parulekar Committee itself took nearly eight months to come out with its suggestions on the salaries of secondary teachers, secondary school fees, etc. and the Government's action on it, it is feared, might take perhaps nearly double that period. This attitude of the Government towards the secondary teachers is taken to indicate an indifference to the plight of these teachers. When at one time the secondary teachers threatened to strike, if their demand for higher salaries were not conceded, responsible leaders and Ministers of the Government stated that it was unbecoming for teachers even to contemplate the question of a strike. But what should be said of this present indifference to the lot of these teachers?

The Government cannot plead want of time to consider the above report. For has not the Government revised the pay-scales of its own servants including that of the teachers in Government schools and revised twice the pay-scales of the Primary teachers?

Will the Government announce its action on the above report before it is too late?—Yours, etc.

A TEACHER.

Karwar, March 11.

Baroda Govt. Servants

Sir,—The Government of Baroda have declared the Government Servants' Union illegal by issuing a notification in the "Gazette" Extraordinary. Instead of being cowed down by the Government's measure, the Government servants are grimly determined to stand by their demands of

(i) recognition of the Union by Government, and

(ii) introduction of Bombay Pay-scales.

2. The authorities have confidentially issued instructions to the Heads of the departments to serve notices of dismissal to the leading members of the Union.

3. The reactions of these steps are contrary to Government expectations. The determination of the Government servants has become more firm, and they have girded up their loins to suffer any repressive actions of the Government.—Yours, etc.

J. G. M.

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

New Political Turns In Europe

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Zurich March 12.

The change in Czechoslovakia has given a new stimulus to the idea of West European Union and this issue has been again in the forefront of political discussions in Europe. The latter, it would seem, may not prove quite barren. In place of a Union of West European States, one of a smaller group of Western Powers, is likely to be signed, and perhaps soon. This will, mean more or less, the widening of the existing Anglo-French Alliance by the inclusion of the Benelux Powers (Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg), with an ensuing agreement directed more at meeting the danger of an "expansionism" of the Soviet Union than an "aggression" of Germany. The idea of a bigger union of the Western Powers has not asserted due to the estimate that it is more opportune to wait for the result of the election in Italy, before taking up negotiations definitely or directly with Rome for the purpose; a reserve expressed by the Scandanavian Powers; Switzerland's affirmation of its care to the traditional line of neutrality; the reckoning that it is not wise to hurry up negotiations with Spain; the calculation that Turkey and Greece are best drawn after the settlement of a position in regard to Italy; and a position as relating to Portugal not held as urgent or important, since this country is virtually already closely allied to Britain. It is worth knowing, whether Britain will be entering the new agreement in its own name or also on the basis of an express, tacit or assumed understanding of the Dominions. In the latter case, the development is of a greater significance also to India. The move for concluding a new Alliance, though a limited one, has been hastened, to produce something before the election in Italy. For the same reason, efforts have been directed to enhance the chances of General de Gaulle coming to power in France. The importance of the Italian election is not kept out of sight now in the capitals of the major Powers. To the development in the direction of the new Five Power Agreement, in European countries on the whole, no undue significance is attached. It is viewed more as an expression of a will suited to cast an impress on Moscow and also to enhance the scope of Washington's support, than as an instrument of greatly increased strength. There is no great illusion in many of the Continental countries, as a matter of that even in Britain, as reflections this week in two widely different organs of thought as the *New Statesman and the Nation* and the *Observer* indicate, of the new alliance by itself, although its terms may cover regular military conversations and even grant of bases, being effective enough to resist the Soviet Union successfully in the event of an open conflict or an armed clash. Hence also the intention to draw America more closely to a West European Union. Certain careful observers view, that considerable confusion is being caused by the easy tendency to draw quick and sweeping generalisations between the policy and position of the Soviet Union and the National Socialist Germany, on the basis of some very striking external similarities. Such generalisations, these suggest, overlook two basic factors: the desire of the Soviet Union to avoid war and the non-concentration of Moscow on territorial occupation or on an expansionist drive such as held by Berlin under Hitler. An increase in the influence of the Soviet Union in regions already taken place, has followed out of definite war time arrangements, to which both Britain and America willy nilly were parties. Further expansion will be of a different category and will depend fundamentally on economic conditions in the countries concerned and an alert and cautious policy pursued by them. Should the economic situation in Italy and France satisfactorily improve and a sensible policy in regard to Germany be really pursued, the European tension will milden and the conditions for an agreement improve. If not, the position will remain critical. The Soviet Union has played its cards with very close and concentrated purposiveness. It remains to be seen whether the Western Powers will play their cards well. Above all, a heavy responsibility rests on the shoulders of the United States. Pin-pricks and military agreements alone will not stem a tide. A factor of immediate and now of enhanced importance is the adoption of a same and active policy in place of the senseless and puerile one long pursued.

GERMAN QUESTION GAINS IN SIGNIFICANCE

Strange or surprising as it may appear, it is nevertheless true, that an exceptionally important position in regard to the solution of the European tension is held by Germany. The European economy cannot well sustain a state in which Germany is practically cast out of it, even as the world economy cannot afford to stand one with both Germany and Japan out of it. This is a matter of smaller concern to the Soviet Union. Indeed a policy of Moscow is helped by a solution to the German and Japanese questions being delayed, excepting of course on a basis greatly favoured by the Soviet Union. And the Soviet Union is able to exert greater weight for a policy helpful to it in regard to Germany than in regard to Japan. This Moscow has been doing on the basis of; references to various arrangements drawn up during the war; differences among the Western Powers themselves; and its own strength military as well as that supplied by contacts in Germany and some of the neighbouring States. As more documents relating to the war continue to be published, the fact is increasingly emphasized that war passions and propaganda blinded often all visions of a policy in regard to Germany, particularly as far as the Western Powers are concerned. The Soviet Union took a longer distance estimate from the view of its aims. Russia's reserve power and readiness for sacrifices also helped Moscow to drive some hard bargains with the Western allies. Good deal of new light on the subject will be thrown by the memoirs of Cordell Hull, the American State Secretary during the greater part of the Roosevelt Administration, to be published soon and advance reports of parts of which have already appeared in some important Continental dailies. Cordell Hull tells the almost tragic, yet historically instructive story, how Roosevelt's Finance Minister, Morgenthau, was able to bring the President near to his view, which ofresaw practically the wiping out of German industries and the reducing of Germany greatly to an agrarian unit, inevitably involving also a substantial reduction of the German population in course of time. Winston Churchill was brought over to this view, after he had expressed fears and misgivings, by an important loan transaction, negotiated by Morgenthau as Finance Secretary behind the back of the State Department. Morgenthau's view was built on "blind hatred." Lord Vansittart in London upheld the same attitude. They also over-estimated Germany even as they under-estimated Russia. Britain and America find it naturally not easy to switch off with alertness and ability from one course to another swiftly. Also the interests of smaller, but some very powerful groups in them, make a change in policy not light. Added to these there is a French concern of German revival, aggravated on the one side by a sense of humiliation and on the other side by the attention to obtain some immediate material benefits when there is a good possibility for it. All these hinder the path to the Western Powers following a policy suited to putting the part of Germany under their control on firmer feet. The German issue gains in importance not only on account of the potential strength retained by Germany, but also a strategical significance of the land, enhanced by the changes in Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union will before long have a comprehensive agreement with Finland. Then this measure is also completed, the weight of a Russian policy will be directed more towards Germany. Moscow will move closely, if also cautiously, to test a position. German opinion itself is in a state of flux. Distress and dissatisfaction are rampant. And the German people as a whole are not in the passive mood they were at the end of the war. If the Western Powers are not able to agree on a sensible policy in regard to Germany, the situation will get considerably complicated. The importance now attached to Germany as a factor in European, indeed world affairs, is revealed by the fact that a number of countries including Egypt and Persia (India one notes is not among them) have moved for obtaining right of Consular representations in Berlin. Foreign Consular representations in Frankfurt have gone up from three to eighteen within a few weeks.

INDIA'S ENVOY PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

Dhirajlal Bhulabhai Desai, India's first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Switzerland presented his credentials to the President of the Swiss Federal Council M. Enrico Celio in Berne early this week. The Chief of the Political Department (Foreign Minister) M. Max Petipierre was also present at the function. In the course of a declaration upon presenting his credentials, Mr. Desai stated:

"On behalf of my Government and the Indian people, I bring to you the heartiest greetings, and the cordial assurance that we shall always devote our best attention for the maintenance of friendly relations between our two countries. Ever since the beginning of the fight for our independence under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation whose absence in our midst we all bemoan, we have strived for the ideal of a democratic State. To-day when we have gained our freedom, we stand steadfast to the same ideal, and we are more determined than ever, to establish and maintain in our country a truly democratic Government."

"We have studied with the greatest care the constitution of your country and the remarkable way its political institutions function, and the spirit guiding them truly reflecting the will of the people has profoundly impressed us."

"There exists already since long friendly trade relations between our two countries. We hope the establishment of diplomatic relations will lead to the closer development of these contacts to the advantage and interest of both the partners. We also hope that our students, scientists, industrialists and business men will come in greater numbers than till now to Switzerland and we on our part will have the opportunity of welcoming more of your countrymen among us."

Leading papers in Switzerland have given good prominence to the declaration of Mr. Desai. In less than a fortnight that he has been in Switzerland, Mr. Desai has met and spoken to most of the Indian residents in Switzerland (about forty) and has represented the Government of India at the I.L.O. Conference, besides visiting Geneva twice, Zurich twice and proceeding once to Basel. India's Minister to Switzerland certainly does not lack in vigour and enthusiasm.

NOT TO OPERATE IN PAKISTAN

Indian Insurance Companies' Decision

CALCUTTA, March 17. (A.P.I.): The Indian Life Assurance Offices Association, which concluded its three-day annual conference here today, has decided to advise its member bodies to withdraw their operation from Pakistan by the middle of next month "in view of the rigorous restrictions imposed on their activities there" The Conference was attended by representatives of insurance companies from all over India.

A deputation on behalf of the Association will, it is learnt, soon wait upon the Commerce Member of the Indian Dominion with a view to exploring possibilities of carrying on business in Paksstan in future on suitable conditions.

Former Czech Ministers Quit Parliament

PRAGUE, March 17, (Reuter): The President of the Czechoslovak National Assembly announced to a full session today that Dr. Peter Zenkel, former Vice-Premier, Dr. Hubert Ripka, former Minister of Foreign Trade, and Dr. Prokop Datina, former Minister of Justice, whose resignations from the Government led to the recent crisis had given up their seats in parliament.

Nehru Plays Samaritan

Delhi Car Accident Sequel

NEW DELHI, March 17, (A.P.I.): Fifteen persons were injured, three of them seriously when a car collided with a passenger bus this afternoon at the crossing of Kingsway and Queensway.

The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who was passing that way immediately after the incident halted his car and helped the victims out of the bus which had overturned The injured persons among whom are six women and two children were removed to hospital in a military truck.

Pandit Nehru later revisited the scene of accident and instructed the police to make a thorough investigation into the incident and also to give all assistance to the victims.

Mahatma's Ashes In Rangoon

RANGOON, March 17, (Reuter): The Indian Ambassador Dr. M. A. Rao returned from Calcutta today and handed an urn containing Mahatma Gandhi's ashes to Premier Thakin Nu who met him at Mingaladon airport.

In respect to Mahatma Gandhi Indian offices and shops throughout Burma remained closed today.

Mahatma Gandhi's ashes will be immersed in the Irrawaddy river on March 21.

From Mahatma

The true meaning of Swaraj is that every member of the Commonwealth is capable of defending his liberty against the whole world.

Our capacity for Swaraj depends upon our capacity for solving, without reference to, or intervention of Government, all the varied and complex problems that must arise in the affairs of one of the biggest and the most ancient nations like ours.

If Swaraj was not meant to civilize us, and to purify and stabilize our civilization, it would be nothing worth. The very essence of our civilization is that we give a paramount place to morality in all our affairs, public or private.

The Swaraj of my dream recognises no race or religious distinctions. Nor is it to be the monopoly of the lettered persons nor yet of monied men. Swaraj is to be for all, including the former, but emphatically including the maimed, the blind the starving toiling millions.

STRIKERS MARCH TO WHITEHALL

LONDON, March 17 (UPA) — Striking maintenance men numbering 750 marched to Whitehall today demanding recognition of their claim for 12sh. 6d. increase.

A detachment of Coldstream Guards, Britain's valiants in military and economic strife, whose peacetime duty included the carrying of meat during the packers, strike, marched to Buckingham Palace to stoke up hot water for the royal family.

It was the third day of London's "cold strike" Moves are underway to extend the maintenance strike to 2,400 (1,600 boilermen and elevator operators are presently striking) to include electrical fitters, refrigeration and elevator engineers, and motor mechanics.

GENERAL STRIKE IN GOLD COAST

ACCRA, March 17 (Reuter) — The Gold Coast Trade Union Congress today ordered a general strike, to begin at mid-night tonight, in protest against the arrest of six Gold Coast leaders on Saturday.

GREEK CIVIL SERVANTS STAGE ONE-DAY STRIKE

ATHENS, March 17 (UPA)—Civil servants in Athens and a large part of Greece staged a one-day strike today protesting the government's failure to pay an additional two week's Christmas "bonus" which the workers insist they are entitled to receive.

B.M.A. DEFIES BEVAN SCHEME

Decision To Fight Nationalised Health Scheme

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter) : Four hundred British doctors delegates today unanimously approved the powerful British Medical Association's resolve to stay outside the Labour Government's Nationalised Health Service which it claims would turn doctors into State servants.

The doctors, representing Medical men from all parts of Britain, unanimously voted to set up an "Independence Fund" to help finance the profession's fight against Health Minister Aneurin Bevan's scheme. One of its purposes would be to assist doctors unwilling to enter the State scheme, when it starts this summer, as they will lose any income derived from the present system of Health Insurance.

Today's meeting at the headquarters of the British Medical Association was designed to find out whether the doctors had changed their mind since overwhelmingly endorsing the stand against the Government in a recent plebiscite.

PROTEST AGAINST SUSPENSION

Govt. Employees' Demonstration In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 17. (A.P.I.): When the West Bengal Legislative Assembly was in session today, a large number of employees of the Bengal Secretariat and other Government offices staged a demonstration at the north and south gates of the Assembly compound as a protest against the suspension of two Secretariat employees. It is alleged that these two persons were suspended for having participated in a Convention of Government Employees held recently in Calcutta, in spite of Government's warning against such participation.

Later, half a dozen representatives of the employees met the Premier, Dr. B. C. Roy and discussed the situation with him. Dr. Roy asked the deputationists to see him again tomorrow at his office when he would clarify whether their participation in the convention constituted a breach of the Government servants' conduct rules.

The demonstrators then peacefully dispersed.

Chinese Reds Send Catholic Nuns To Jail

SHANGHAI, March 17(UPA): The Chinese communist radio announced today that 12 Swiss Catholic missionaries in the west Manchurian city of Tsitsihar have been sentenced to prison terms on charge of "espionage sabotage and armed conspiracy against the Government."

The broadcast said Swiss Bishop Paul Hugenobler and a high cathedral official, Friedrick Bosset, were sentenced to 12 years.

Finance Bill Goes To Select Committee

Pattabhi Protests Against Absence Of Ministers During Budget Debate

NEW DELHI, March 17 (A.P.I.): In the Dominion Parliament today the Finance Minister, Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, moved that the bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the year beginning from April 1, 1948 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Mr. K. Santhanam, Prof. N. G. Ranga Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava, Mr. R. K. Choudhury, Pandit H. N. Kunzru, Mr. Hussain Imam, B. L. Sondhi, Mr. Khurshed Lal, Mr. Biswanath Das, Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan, Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. Mohanlal Saksena and himself.

The Committee should report on or before March 22.

Mr. B. Das opening the two-day debate said that the legacies which the Government had inherited from the previous regime had not permitted them yet to do away completely with the capitalistic structure of India's economy and model it on Gandhian ideals. He hoped however, that the Finance Minister would take step to create an economic system which would primarily benefit the millions of India's poor people and which would not aim merely at the establishment of benevolent capitalism

Mr. Das criticised the increase in the Excise Duty on Tea.

Prof. K.T. Shah was pessimistis about the financial proposals and pleaded for a "new outlook new vision and new enterprise to reconstruct society on the basis of democracy and justice."

He criticised the character of the composition of the Retrenchment Committee. The Retrenchment Committee he said should be composed of the chosen representatives of the House and not of "so-called experts from outside."

STERLING BALANCES

As regards sterling balances Prof. Shah was opposed to any agreement with the British Government which would amount to scaling down and prejudice India's National prestige. As for talk of the "goodwill of the British people, Prof. Shah said: "I had the misfortune of studying the British connection in this country in the past and had the bitter experience of their goodwill (laughter).

He knew that the British Government were unable to pay and that it was better for them to declare themselves insolvent. India should also prefer postponement rather than making an agreement with a debtor country which could not pay.

Mrs. Renuka Ray criticised the "inadequate" provision for Education Health and Agriculture.

Pattabhi's Protest

Dr. Pattabhi Seetharamayya pointed to the absence of the Ministers of Government from the House when the budget proposals were being discussed and recalled that even under the British rule, the Ministerial bench was always full when the budget was discussed. "We will not tolerate this. It is no use wasting our breath. We have got occupations and our own tastes and tendencies. Why should we waste our time if we are addressing nothing but empty benches of Government.

A little while later a number of Ministers fled into the chamber and took their seats.

Dr. Pattabhi recalled his visit two days ago to Vizagapatam and said that the Central Government should if necessary acquire direct control of this area and develop it into a fine harbour.

Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan said that the budget did not give sufficient relief to the common man. It must be realized hat the people would judge the advent of independence in the context of comforts and service which they might get from the National Government.

PLEA FOR PRISON REFORM

Dr. P. K. Sen said that the budget proposals had made no provision for penal reforms. The jail system was medieval and barbaric and did not aim at reforming the prisoner. Dr. Sen pleaded the prison reform should be made a central subject.

'PICKPOCKETING AND THIEVING'

Mr Ramnayaran Singh in an outspoken speech criticised the indirect method of taxation resorted to by the Finance Minister and said it was nothing short of "pickpocketing and thieving."

The salaries of Public Service in the country must be in keeping with the average income and standard of life of the people of the country. India was very poor. How then could she afford to pay Rs. 4000 and Rs. 5000 to their officals

The present machinery was established and used by the foreigners to crush the nation. How could this be used to serve the nation? It had reached such a state of decay and disrepair that it would really be of no use to the country.

BEGGAR AND KINGS GIFT

Describing how the Ministers themselves were suffering at the hands of the administrative machinery Mr. Singh said it was like a beggar who was presented with a mad elephant by a King. The beggar could neither take possession of the elephant nor use it. He did not know quite how to protect himself from the animal. (laughter) The Ministers were the beggars and the Administrative Services the mad elephant.

Whenever he heard any Minister paying tributes to the Services therefore he told his friends the Minister was a loss to the country.

Pandit Mukut Biharilal Bhargava said that the financial proposals gave substantial relief to the industrialists and capitalists placed a very heavy burden on the lower middle classes and gave no relief to the poor.

Mr. Banarsi Prasad Jhunjunwala was disappointed to find "no improvement" in the financial proposals which retained the "legacy of the British Government."

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said that the man-in-the-street rightly asked "We have won our freedom but where is the for me?"

The house adjourned till tomorrow.

Cost Of Air Transport For Kashmir Operations

NEW DELHI, March 17. (A.P.I.): The Food Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, said in the Dominion Parliament today in reply to Mr. H. V. Kamath's question about vegetable ghee or 'vanaspati': "The question of prohibition of hydrogenation or taking other steps in the interests of the public and the agriculturists is under the consideration of Government".

CONTROL ON PAPER

Dr. Mookerjee said in reply to Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu that Government were considering the question of removing control on paper. In answer to Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, he said that they hoped to come to a decision very soon.

Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, Communications Minister, said in reply to Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar that the total air transport charges payable to operating companies for their aircraft employed on Kashmir operations were Rs. 7,20,800, Rs. 31,42,200 and Rs. 11,00,000 respectively for October, November and December 1947.

Mr. Kidwai said in reply to Mr. Ayyangar that an arrangement had been made with Ambica Air Lines under which the company were to maintain at New Delhi two 'expeditor' twin-engined aircraft for the use of Ministers and senior officers of the Government of India. The Company were guaranteed a minimum of 90 hours flying every month in respect of each aircraft. Payment was to be made at the rate of Rs. 3 per mile. This contract would be terminated as soon as Government had their own planes.

Mr. H. V. Kamath: Do Government propose one plane for each Minister? (laughter).

Mr. Kidwai: That is not the scheme.

Clash In Kurukshetra Refugee Camp

NEW DELHI, March 17 (API): Two persons received minor gunshot wounds and a constable received minor injuries in incidents in Kurukshetra refugee camp on March 8 following an altercation between a Supervisor and some refugees, according to a report received here A 24-hour curfew was imposed in a portion of the refugee camp town.

The situation is now under control and the injured persons are progressing satisfactorily.

TROUBLE IN DHOND

POONA, March 16 (API): Reports received here reveal that in Sunday disturbances at Dhond, in which some refugees in the Dhond camp were involved, about 6 houses were looted. The miscreants also attempted to set fire to the beef market at Dhond.

The police have arrested 30 refugees in connection with the disturbances. Section 144 banning the assembly of five or more persons, which was promulgated in Dhond yesterday will remain in force for 15 days.

94 R.S.S WORKERS ARRESTED IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 17 (API): The Delhi police arrested last night 94 R.S.S. workers from different parts of the town under Section 3 of the Punjab Public Safety Act as extended to Delhi Province.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SINDHI REFUGEES

SURAT, March 17 (API): A primary school for Sindhi refugees will be started in Bulsar by the Surat District School Board in first week of April, it is learnt here. The school accommodate about 200 pupils in the first instance and will be staffed entirely by Sindhis.

NEW DELHI—NEW YORK AIR LINK

NEW DELHI, March 17. (U.P.I.): New Delhi will be directly linked with New York by air from today. The Pan-American World Airways' "Flying Clipper", a 43-passenger Lockheed Constellation, weighing 50 tons, which left La Guardia field in New York on last Monday at 1 p.m., will land at Palam airport in New Delhi this morning.

This New Delhi to New York regular air traffic will, for the present, be maintained once every week and is expected to be changed into a bi-weekly service from May next.

This new service cuts more than 20 hours from the present air service timings between India and London and also saves almost two days of the flight to New York. Air mails from the United States to New Delhi will also be carried on these flights.

"The Flying Clipper", which will establish direct air-link between New Delhi and New York, is scheduled to touch down for one hour's stoppage at each of the following stations 'en route':

Shannon, Erie, London, Istanbul, Damascus and Karachi.

The return flight between New Delhi and New York would require less than 40 flying hours. Thus the weekly New York to New Delhi trip will leave New York every Monday and the same aircraft will return to New York on Saturday the same week-end, having made the flight both ways in just five days

FIVE-POWER TREATY SIGNED

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economic, social and cultural matters and for collective self-defence.

ATTLEE ON WESTERN PACT

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, emphasised today that the Western Pact signed in Brussels today was not directed against any other country.

Interrupting parliamentary business to give the House of Commons news of the Pact, Mr. Attlee declared:

This is indeed no ordinary Treaty. It is not an alliance based on self-interest and fear. It is rather an association of like-minded neighbours who, engaged jointly in shaping their way towards some closer social and indeed spiritual integration, base themselves on the essential similarity of their civilisations and solemnly pledge on paper their common obligations and their common intentions alike".

Loud cheering greeted Mr. Attlee's statement which was described by opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, as "momentous".

CHURCHILL WELCOMES IT

The opposition, Mr. Churchill said, would not wish to express a final opinion on the details until they had assured themselves that the Demonions were in full harmony and that the difficulties had been adjusted.

"But having made those reservations, I would like to assure the sition that we have a great feeling tion that we have a great feeling that the decision which has been taken at Brussels will be found to be in accord with the general sense of the House of Commons.

Montgomery Story 'Most Unlikely'

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): High military sources in London today said it was "most unlikely" that Field Marshal Montgomery has been named as Commander-in-Chief of the joint armies of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg as reported in a French newspaper today.

A War Office spokesman declined to comment on the report.

PARIS PAPER STORY

PARIS, March 17 (Reuter): The Paris "Intransigeant" reported today that Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff would become Inspector-General of the Armies of the Five-Powers signing the Western Union Treaty in Brussels today.

U.S. FLEET FOR GREEK PORT

ATHENS, March 17 (Reuter): The United States Mediterranean Fleet is visiting Argostolion, off western coast of Greece, from March 31, after which the bulk of the fleet will visit Piraeus and remain there until after mid-April, the United States Embassy announced here today.

It is recalled that 6 months ago the Mediterranean Fleet stopped in Suda Bay, Crete, for a similar visit.

The fleet included the 27,000-ton aircraft-carrier 'Philippine Set", the cruisers "Rochester" 13,700 tons "Manchester" 10,000 tons and "Dayton" 10,000 tons, nine destroyers and four auxiliary vessels under the command of Vice-Admiral Forrest Sherman.

Soviet Cuts Military Budget

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): Soviet military expenditure in 1948 will account for 17 per cent of the budget compared with one-third in 1940, according to a Moscow Radio broadcast in English tonight. Millions of people were released from the Soviet armed forces in 1945 and the demobilsation which followed released from the army the overwhelming majority of the men who took part in the war. The Soviet Union was the first of the Great Powers and actually the only one to place its armed forces really on a peace-time footing.

RUSSIAN AGENTS

BERLIN, March 17 (UPA): Three Germans, one of them a woman, admittedly acting as Russian agents, caught redhanded trying to kidnap an anti-communist organizer in Berlin, were tried before an American Military Government court and sentenced today.

"Big Four" To Report On Palestine

NEW YORK, March 16 (UPA): Delegates from Russia, France United States and China met in a final private session at Andrei Gromyko's Manhattan office this morning to prepare the report they will make to the Security Council later today on their efforts to solve the Palestine cirsis. The Security Council meets at 19.30 GMT.

United Nations officials and diplomats believed the best the Council could hope to receive from the four nations today was a summary of the essential facts on Palestine.

"Most Barbaric In British History"

Jewish Terrorists' Threat

JERUSALEM, March 16 (Reuter):—Jewish terrorists of Irgun Zvai Leumi declared tonight that they would spend the rest of their lives "hounding down" the sponsors of a suggestion made in the British House of Commons that sentenced Jewish terrorists serve their imprisonment in other parts of the British Commonwealth after the end of the British mandate.

The Terrorist statement, issued in Tel Aviv, said the suggestion, which was made during the debate on the Palestine Bill in the British Parliament, was the "most barbaric in British history."

FODDER TO PALESTINE

LONDON, March 16 (Reuter): War Minister Emmanuel Shinwell today declined to stop the sending of 19-year-old soldiers with little training to Palestine, where British soldiers are being killed almost daily.

"I should like very much to keep the boys out of Palestine, but unfortunately when they are sent to the Middle East some have to be posted to Palestine to repair ravages in some of the units", he told a House of Commons questioner who raised the case of three 19-year-olds posted to the Middle East after three months training.

Volunteers For Arab Army Enter Palestine

JERUSALEM, March 17.(Reuter): A Jewish Agency spokesman said today that between 5,000 and 6,000 Syrian, Iraqi and Lebanese volunteers for the Arab army had entered Palestine.

Quoting Haganah—Jewish defence organisation reports, he said there were 2,500 Syrians, 2,500 Iraqis, several hundred Lebanese and also 174 Egyptian army officers and men and 150 Yugoslavs in the Arab camp.

No British Hand In Attack

JERUSALEM, March 17 (UPA): Abdul Kader Husseini, commander of Arab forces in Jerusalem district, today took full responsibility for the bombings in recent weeks at the Palestine Post building in Ben Yehuda Street and the Jewish Agency building.

Kadar told a press conference that "no Britton had a hand in these attacks."

Kader pledged newsmen to immunity from Arab attacks and said their homes and places of business would be respected.

He also said the Arabs would treat prisoners of war according to their internationally accepted status.

Saurashtra Takes Over Six States

RAJKOT, March 17, (A.P.I.): The Home Minister of the Saurashtra Government Hr. Rasiklal Parikh took over charge of the Rajkot State today.

At a simple ceremony held at the Durbar Hall to mark the occasion Mr. Parikh announced the setting up of a Council of three to administer the State during the transitional period—until all the departmens were brought under the Saurahtra Government. The members of this Council are: Messrs Jethalal Joshi , Gajanand Joshi and Khan Bahadur Green one of the present councillors.

Mr. Parikh also announced that the Rajkot Durbar had handed over to the Sauroshtra Government a treasury balance of nearly rupees 25 lakhs.

Representatives of the Saurashtra State took over charge on Tuesday of five more States of Kathiawar namely Limbdi, Gondal, Wadhwan, Jetpore and Palitana, this being the largest slice of territory to be taken by the new State since the process of integration started three weeks ago.

Administrative councils were established for each of these States to carry on the administration until April 15 when the Saurashtra Government will directly administer those areas.

Sabde Murder Verdict Causes Surprise

MIRAJ, March 17 (UPI): A verdict of not-guilty pronounced by the Special Sessions Judge, Jamkhandi, on all persons who were charged of murdering Mr. A. V. Sabde, leader of the Deccan States, has caused surprise here.

A public meeting was held here in this connection under the presidency of Mr. Shegunshi, a pleader, and adopted a resolution urging the Bombay Government to file an appeal against this decision in the Bombay High Court.

A committee of eminent pleaders and workers to prevail upon the Bombay Government in this matter has been appointed.

Pudukottah Council Dissolved

PUDUKOTTAH, March 17 (API): Following the merger of Pudukottah State territory with Madras Province, the Pudukottah Legislative Council has been dissolved.

New Proposals For Kashmir Settlement

Tsiang Expected To Present Them At Debate Tomorrow

LAKE SUCCESS, March 17 (Reuter).—The United Nations Security Council will meet tomorrow to resume the Kashmir debate, and it is expected that Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China), the Council President, will present new proposals for a settlement.

It is understood that negotiations have reached the stage where Dr. Tsiang will be ready to produce a draft resolution today.

He is expected to show it to the other Council delegates and may also call a Round Table Conference of the Indian and Pakistan representatives.

Meanwhile, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, the Indian Delegate, has had talks with the Belgian, French British Russian and American delegates to clear up India's case.

Referring to the original proposal to instal a "neutral" administration in Kashmir during the plebiscite, the Indian spokesman said India could not accept such a constitutional experiment, as it would be "fraught with dangerous implications."

He added that if such precedent were accepted it might be applied to other countries in any future disputes.

U. S. GIRDS UP AGAINST SOVIET ADVANCE

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policy of assistance to the free nations of Europe". Time is now critical importance.

Recommending the prompt enactment of Universal Military Training Legislation, Mr. Truman said: "We have found that a sound military system is necessary in time of peace if we are to remain at peace.

"Aggressors in the past, relying on our apparent lack of military force, have unwisely precipitated war. Although they have been led to destruction by their misconception of our strength, we have paid a terrible price".

Mr Truman added: "The recmmendations I have made represent the most urgent steps towards securing the peace and preventing war. We must be prepared to pay the price of peace or assuredly we shall pay the price of war."

Door Kept Open For Soviet

Mr Truman reiterated the strong allegiance of the United States to the United Nations and appealed to the Soviet Union to co-operate genuinely in preserving the peace.

"The door has never been closed nor will it ever be closed to the Soviet Union or any other nation which will genuinely co-operate in preserving the peace.

At the same time we must not be confused about the central issue which confronts the world today. The time has come when the free men and women of the world must face the threat to their liberty squarely and courageously."

DROP PARTY CONSIDERATIONS

Mr. Truman ended his speech with an appeal to Senators and Congressmen in the packed Chamber of the House of representatives to put aside all considerations of political party. He said: "The world situation is too critical and the responsibilities of this country are too vast to permit party struggles to weaken our influence for maintaining peace."

ATTACK ON RUSSIA

In a blistering denunciation of Russia, he said: "Since the close of hostilities the Soviet Union and its agents have destroyed the independence and democratic character of a whole series of nations in Eastern and Central Europe. It is this ruthless course of action and clear design to extend it to the remaining free nations of Europe that have brought about a critical situation in Europe today."

Truman described the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia as the "tragic death" of a Republic.

He said Russian pressure on Finland is a hazard to the "entire Scandinavian peninsula."

Truman criticised Russia for "aggressively attempting to wreck" the European Recovery Programme. He said, "They see in it a major obstacle to their designs to subjugate the free countries of Europe. They do not want the United States to help Europe They do not want 16 co-operating countries to help themselves."

He praised the work of the United Nations but said the time has come for supplemental help for the United Nations by the United States.

ACTION VS INACTION

Truman said, "There are times in world history when it is far wiser to act than hesitate. There is some risk involved in action—there always is. But there is far more risk in failure to act. For if we act wisely now we shall strengthen the powerful forces for freedom justice and peace which are represented by the United Nations and the free nations of the world."

Truman referred to Greece and Italy. He said, "Greece is under direct military attack by rebels actively supported by her Communist-dominated neighbours In Italy a determined aggressive effort is being made by the Communist minority to take control of that country."

Truman said, "We in the United States remain determined to seek by every possible means a just and honourable basis for the settlement of International issues. We shall continue to give our strong allegiance to the United Nations as the principal means for international.

security based on law and not on force

"We shall remain ready and anxious to join with all nations —I repeat with all nations—in every possible efforts to reach international understanding and agreement. The door has never closed nor will it ever be closed to the Soviet Union or any other nation which will genuinely co-operate in preserving peace."

MAHATMA'S ASHES IN SINGAPORE

Immersion Ceremony On March 26

SINGAPORE, March 16.

One of the holiest spots in Singapore today is the Town Hall where is kept on an exquisitely decorated platform the urn containing the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi which arrived here from India by air last night.

After being on display for three days in Singapore the urn will be removed from the Town Hall on March 18.

On March 19 the urn will be flown to Kuala Lumpur, where it will be kept upto March 21. The Representative of the Government of India Mr. Thivy, will accompany the urn to Kuala Lumpur. From there Mr. Thivy will fly with the urn to Kotabharu and Penang returning to Singapore for the immersion ceremony on March 26.

PRIVY COUNCIL TO HEAR U SAW'S APPEAL?

LONDON, March 17 (UPA): The Privy Council will be asked to hear U Saw's appeal against the death sentence for the assassination of U Aung San, according to U Saw's brother, who said the defending counsel, Derek Curtiss Bennett, would be retained for the appeal.

The defence counsel proposes to apply for a ruling that a trial under British law must necessarily be subject to appeal to a British court.

In the meantime, Capt. Ben Vertannes, the lawyer who assisted at U Saw's defence, has published a pamphlet alleging that "brute force, torture and terrorism" were used by the Burmese Government to extort confessions from U Saw's alleged accomplices.

AUNG SAN'S STATE FUNERAL

RANGOON, March 17 (Reuter) : The State Funeral of Premier Aung San and his Cabinet colleagues who were assassinated while attending a cabinet meeting last July will take place on April 11, it was announced officially today.

MOUNTBATTEN FOR HYDERABAD

NEW DELHI, March 16 (IPA): Indian Press Association reliably understands that Lord Mountbatten may personally intervene in the affairs of Hyderabad State. Lord Mountbatten is likely to proceed to Hyderabad to conduct talks with the Nizam.

Reports from Hyderabad indicate that Mr. Laik Ali has cabled Sir Walter Monckton to return to Hyderabad from London immediately.

Political circles opine that in case Lord Mountbatten is to intervene in Hyderabad, he may as well stay in India to see an amicable settlement reached between H. E. H. the Nizam and the Government of the Indian Union.

RAZARKARS RAID TWO VILLAGES

MADRAS, March 17 (API): Razarkars (a volunteer corps of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen of Hyderabad) raided the Shiva Mandir at Charkhaman in Hyderabad State four days ago and caused damage to the dome of the temple and cut down its Dhwajastambha (flag-post), it is learnt here.

It is stated that a police party was near the scene, but the miscreants escaped.

As a mark of protest the local bazar remained closed for three days

MADRAS GOVT. MEASURES

To keep watch in the Madras-Hyderabad border area the Government of Madras have appointed a Deputy Supdt. of Police. The officer will send reports to the Government from time to time.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Firm

LONDON, March 17. (Reuter): Stock Exchange operators have today been reluctant to deal whilst awaiting President Truman's speech. Nevertheless idle markets produced firmness in most sections.

British Government securities appreciated under the lead of Transport threepercents which at 96 and seveneighths were oneeighth higher following small investment buying.

Cooper shares featured with sharp rises, particularly Rhodesian Broken Hill which gained oneandthree at oneeight and nine on anticipations that dividend will be announced in the near future.

Elsewhere in the mining section, South Africans were quickly steady.

Among foreign bonds, German issue were outstandingly firm with Potash-seven percents at 54 a gain of four points on hopes of favourable news regarding debt service.

Industrial section was steady with occasional small rises.

Tobaccos made gains of onethirty-second. Stores were unaffected by the suggestion to cut the purchase tax.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, March 17: Wednesday's opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 30-3/4, General Motors dol. 50-3/4, United States Steel Common dol. 58-3/8, Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

KARACHI COTTON

(From Our Own Corespondent.)

KARACHI, March 17: Cotton Ready Rollers Type NT Rs. 75, LSS Rs. 68 4F Rs. 59/8, May Contract Rs. 60,Spot Sales yesterday 1,500. Arrivals 6,220. Exports 8,020 largely for Russia and European ports. Cottonseeds NT Rs. 5/14, Desi Rs. 7/8. The tone is easy, and demand poor. Exports 5,450 bags for Bedibunder. Copras Rs 34/8, Copra Oil Rs. 52. Bullion Gold Tepabi Rs. 102, Sovereigns Rs. 70/12, Silver Coins Rs. 122. Tone easy. The buyers have withdrawn owing to Customs authorities not allowing bullion parcels for Indian ports.

FOUR MILLION INCREASE IN COTTON

Agricultural Committee's Acreage Recommendation

BOMBAY, March 17

An increase of four million acres in the area under cotton cultivation in the Dominion of India for the year 1948-49 has been recommended by the Agricultural Research Sub-Committee of the Indian Central Cotton Committees which met here today under the Chairmanship of Sardar Bahadur Sir Datar Singh Vice-chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

It was revealed at the meeting that as a result of the partition of the country, there is now an over-all deficit of about 8.3 lakh bales in the supply of cotton for internal requirements At the same time, it was felt that the importance of retaining the export market in order to obtain much-needed fdreign exchange could not be overlooked To meet the requirements of the country, the Committee decided to recommend an immediate acreage target of 15.5 million acres in 1948-49 as compared to 11.5 million acres in 1946-47 and 19.9 million acres in 1938-39. This increase was not considered likely to affect the production of food to any appreciable extent

The Sub-Committee agreed to some new schemes for the production of improved types of cotton at various centres

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet Tone

CALCUTTA, March 17: The Calcutta Stock Exchange today ruled quiet throughout the day, but at the close slightly better feeling was noticed.

The following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 p.m.:

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank Rs. 11/6, Hindustan Commercial Bank Rs. 36/8, Hindustan Mercantile Bank Rs. 34/8, Reserve Bank Rs. 109/8.

COTTON: Benares Cotton and Silk Rs. 6/15, Cawnpore Textile Rs. 11/4, Elgin Mills Rs. 55/8, New Victoria Ody. Rs. 5/-, New Victoria Pref. Rs. 6/1.

COALS: Bengal Rs. 542/-, Bhalgora Rs. 10/14, Central India Rs. 8/8, Equitable Rs. 45/14, New Manbhoom Rs. 36/-, Ranoegunge Rs. 17/4, South Karanpura Rs. 22/4, Talcher Rs. 5/7, Western Bengal Rs. 7/1.

JUTES: Alliance Rs. 292/-, Anglo-India Rs. 369/-, Auckland Rs. 323/-, Bally Rs. 327/-, Budge Budge Rs. 448/-, Dalhousie Rs. 361/8, Howrah Rs. 83/8, India Rs. 250, Kelvin Rs. 340, Northbrook Rs. 35/9, Presidency Rs. 7/8 Barnagore Rs. 285/-, Champdany Rs. 224/-, Empire Rs. 29/8, Kankinarah Rs. 565/-, Megna Rs. 150/-, Nellimarla Rs. 24/10.

ENGINEERINGS: Bhartia Electric Steel Rs. 23/10, Indian Iron and Steel Rs. 32/5, Jessop and Co. Rs. 22/10, Kumardhubi Eng. Rs. 10/4, Marshalls Rs. 6/15, National Iron Rs. 8/4, Saran Eng. Rs. 8/10, Steel Corp. Rs. 27/13, Textile Machinery Rs. 8/12.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. Rs. 3/2, Consolidated Tin Rs. 1/12, Indian Copper Rs. 2/14, Tavoy Tin Rs. 1/7, Dalmia Cement Rs. 9/8, Sone Valley Cement Rs. 9/7, Alkali and Chemical Rs. 16/4, Calcutta Electric Rs. 25/10, Aluminium Corp. Rs. 6/12, BIC Rs. 9/13, Durlop Rubber Ordy. Rs. 79/4, F. and C. Osler Rs. 10/8, Indian National Airways Rs. 9/7, Indian Wood Products Rs. 29/13, Jardine Henderson Rs. 178/-, Martin Burn Rs. 17/4, Metal Corp. Rs. 7/2, National Insulated Cable Rs. 9/12, Robtas Industry Rs. 10/8, British Burma Petrol Rs. 2/14, Shree Gopal Paper Rs. 10/8, Star Paper Rs. 8/4, Titaghur Paper Rs. 42/15, Assams Saws Rs. 6/14, India Steamship Rs. 13/6.

SUGARS: Buland Rs. 15/12, Darbhanga Rs. 14/12, Champaran Rs. 27/-, Ramnugger Cane Rs. 20/10, Raza Rs. 15/12.

TEAS: Batell Rs. 15/-, Chamong Rs. 16/8, Choonabhutti Rs. 393/-, Sapoi Rs. 26/8, Tengpani Rs. 24/6. —A. P. I.

AHMEDABAD SHARES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 17: The market opened higher than last closing on report of increased import duty on foreign steel. It improved on scattered support, but thereafter declined on tired liquidation.

The market closed quietly steady. General sentiment appears to be to buy at declines.

Calico Opened Rs. 1493, Highest Rs. 1498, Lowest Rs. 1490, Closed Rs. 1490, Ambika Opened Rs. 507, Highest Rs. 509, Lowest Rs. 504, Closed Rs. 506, Arvind Opened Rs. 1705, Highest Rs. 1714, Lowest Rs. 1705, Closed Rs. 1708, Deffered Opened Rs. 1735, Highest Rs. 1750, Lowest Rs. 1725, Closed Rs. 1726

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Arvind Rs. 1706, Ambika Rs. 505, Calico Rs. 4490, Jupiter Rs. 415, Monogram Rs. 199 Deffered Rs. 1726, Atul Rs. 50, Rohit Rs. 436/4/0, New National Rs. 533/12/0, Aryodaya Spinning Rs. 575, Lal Mill Rs. 495, Bhalkia Rs. 182/8/0, Vijay Rs. 615, Anil Starch Rs. 342/8/0, Nagri Rs. 2,800.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

MADRAS, March 17, (A. P. I.): The following are today's quotations:—

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan Rs. 20/14, Mysore Rs. 54, Travancore Rs. 13/8, United Breweries Rs. 209.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies Rs. 1/8, Chembras Rs. 5/10, Cochin Malabar Rs. 7/12, Highland Produce Rs. 29/12, Kallas Rs. 1/6, Midlands Rs. 7/2, Nilgiri Teas Rs. 9/7, Peermade Rs. 46/12, Pullangodes Rs. 1/8/6, Rajadri Rs. 4, Thirumbadi Rs. 2/8, Valkundam Rs. 8/7 Waterfalls Rs. 2/13.

TEXTILES: Balasurbamanis Rs. 27/8, Buckinghams Rs. 341/8, Cambodias Rs. 12/7, Lakshmi Rs. 95, Madura Rs. 46/12, Mettur Rs. 489, Pankaja Rs. 98/8 Radhakrishna Rs. 152/8, Rajalakshmi Rs. 93, Ramco Villas Rs. 54/8, Trichinopoly Rs. 13/6, Vasanta Rs. 105.

MISCELLANEOUS: Aluminium Industries Rs. 8, Andhra Cements Rs. 75, India Cement Rs. 14, Ind. Sc. Rollings Rs. 9/10, Mettur Chem. Rs. 9/9.

CROSS RATES

LONDON, March 17.

T. T. London on New York 4.0275 Selling, 4.0325 Buying.

NEW YORK, March 17.

T. T. New York on London previous closing 4.02-3/4 to 4.03-1/4.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver previous closing 74-3/8 cents.

Nizam's Allegations Against India Govt.

VIOLATION OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

Joint Investigation Of Border Incidents Urged

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 17 (A. P. I.): Protests, it is understood, have been lodged with the Government of India against what a Nizam's Government spokesman alleged to-day to be "violation of the territorial integrity of the Hyderabad State" at two points in the districts of Raichur and Warrangal bordering on Madras Province and "constant breaches in the operation of the standstill agreement."

The Nizam's Government are also understood to have protested to the Government of India against the West Bengal Government for "not affording facilities for the import of medical stores urgently needed by Hyderabad."

The spokesman disclosed that in their protest note against "violation of territorial integrity of the State", the Nizam's Government alleged that people from across the Hyderabad-Madras border came into state territories at two points in the districts of Raichur and Warangal and opened fire resulting in casualties to people on our side.

(Raichur district cut up between Hyderabad State and Madras Presidency by the Thungabhadra borders on Kurnool district of the Madras Presidency while Warangal district juts out into Kistna district).

The Government spokesman charged the people on the Indian Union side of the border with being "aggressors in almost all cases." He said: "Although people from the Indian Union had been the aggressors in almost all cases, violent propaganda is being carried on against Hyderabad.

The spokesman thought that the "truth as to who are violating territorial integrity or who suffered the most can only be ascertained by joint investigation into border incidents as recently agreed upon between the Government of Hyderabad and the Indian Union."

Alleging constant breaches of the operation of the standstill agreement, he said "since the signing of the agreement normal trade channels have almost been closed. Goods are not allowed to come into Hyderabad on some excuse or the other. Our machinery and plants, much needed for our post-war development work, are lying in the ports of Bombay and other places. We are also paying heavy demurrage at different ports.

The spokesman also referred to the statement made in the Indian Dominion Parliament yesterday by Mr. N V. Gadgil and said "the statement is most inopportune.

VILLAGER RESISTS RAZAKAR RAIDERS

78 Killed: Arson And Loot Reported

HYDERABAD, March 16:— The Indian Press Association understands that 200 "Razakars" armed with modern and deadly weapons came in motor lorries in broad day light and raided the village of Remikontal in Bhergir Taluka, 60 miles from Hyderabad. Mr. Rama Reddy, the village Patel, seeing these enemies of the people decided to defend single-handed. Taking his position along with his son and nine servants on the top of the house he started repulsing the raiders. This unequal but thrilling encounter went for over three hours. The Patel was shot and soon after all the family of nine perished in defence of their property and honour.

Later the "Razakars" raided the whole village and orgy of loot and arson was let loose. From Rama Reddy's house alone the raiders took property worth Rs. 50,000. However, before leaving the raiders killed 78 villagers. Their own casualties were 40.

TRAGIC END OF BRITISH CONSUL

SAIGON, March 16, (Reuter): Mr. Norman Sands, British Consul at Saigon, seized by a fit of dizziness, fell to his death from a Balcony behind the Hongkong Bank building here today.

A statement issued by the British Consulate here said that Mr. Sands fell about 30 feet to the ground and was killed instantaneously.

Mr. Sands arrived recently at Saigon with his wife and two young children from South America.

He will be buried tomorrow.

De Valera In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 (UPA) Former Prime Minister of Eire Eamon de Valera, closing his five-day visit to this city, pleased for the Irish part of the world to see to it that their homeland is united.

Speaking at a Commonwealth Club meeting of the city's leading business and civil leaders, de Valera charged the division of Ireland was an "injustice engineered by Britain for purely political reasons..a substantial part of Ulster today would vote to affiliate with Ireland if given an opportunity."

MARSHALL DEFENDS HORTHY

WASHINGTON, March 16 (Reuter) The United States today rejected a Yugoslav protest against the former Regent of Hungary, Admiral Nicolas Horthy, at the wedding of an American official at Munich presently.

The Yugoslavs, who have asked for extradition of the Admiral as a war criminal, were told by Mr. Marshall, Secretary of State that the list of guests at a wedding "is not a matter of representations"

U.N. And Chile's Protest

SANTIAGO, CHILE, March 16 (UP-A): Chile's protest against Russian intervention in Czechoslovakia seems sure to receive the seven votes necessary to bring it before the United Nations Security Council, Foreign Minister Manuel Trucco declared today.

Trucco told a press conference that Chile has "no great interest" in being invited to take part in the discussion because their country is not a party to complain but only an accuser who has supported former Czech delegate Jan Papanek in his appeal for action.

Furthermore, Trucco said nothing that Chile could contribute to the discussion would be as telling an argument as the "events which have be fallen Czechoslovakia".

NORWAY TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE

OSLO, March 16 (UPA) The Norwegian Storting approved today against the votes of the communists the additional grant of 100,000,000 kroner (dol. 20,000,000) "to strengthen Norway's military and civilian defence." The regular appropriation for current year was 190,000,000 kroners

The grant was approved after the Presidency of the Storting recommended it unanimously.

The communists were joined in opposing the measure by a single labour representative who announced he professed to be a pacifist.

Defence Minister Jens Hauge stressed that the appropriation served the purppose of strengthening Norway's ability "to defend her liberty and independence".

WINDFALL FOR INDORE TEXTILE WORKERS

Basic Wage To Be Raised By 50 Per Cent

INDORE, March 16, (API): The average basic wage of the thirty thousand mill workers in Indore, the fifth largest textile centre in India, will be increased by over 50 per cent as a result of a standardisation of wages scheme just approved by the Indore Government.

The scheme, which will have retrospective effect from August 15, 1947, was evolved by the adjudicating authority on the basis of a compromise between the Indore Mill Mazdoor Sangh—which is affiliated with the Indian National Trade Union Congress — and the Millowners' Association.

Indore is second only to Bombay in instituting a systematic scale o standardised wages among mill workers.

The announcement of the acceptance of the scheme was received with shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai" at a meeting of mill workers who pledged itself to increase production.

A Tripartite Committee has been formed to deal with questions arising out of the implementation of the scheme.

HARIJANS' FLIGHT IN PAKISTAN

BOMBAY, March 17. (U.P.I.): Bhagat Ami Chand, General Secretary of the All-India Harijan League, Bombay, in a statement to the press says:

"The Pakistan Government has from time to time, told us that there are no restrictions on the migration of Harijans from Pakistan. The facts prove that contrary is the case. A Harijan who reached Bombay yesterday from Karachi by s.s. "Englestan", has informed me that seven members of his family, including his aged mother and wife, were arrested by the police at Karachi harbour and removed away although they had obtained permits to leave. He has also revealed that a large number of Harijans are being forcibly converted in Sind.

"My information is that in Sialkot and Gurdaspur districts, in the West Punjab, about 15,000 Harijans have been forcibly converted".

Bhagat Ami Chand estimates that about two lakh Harijans are still in the Western Pakistan provinces of Sind, West Punjab and the Frontier.

CALCUTTA CORPN. TO BE SUPERSEDED

CALCUTTA, March 16 (API) The Calcutta Corporation is to be superseded temporarily for a short period not extending beyond 31st March, 1949, under a Government Bill published in a Calcutta Gazette Extraordinary today.

It proposes to appoint an administrative Officer to carry on the administration and provides for the reconstitution of the Corporation by election on the expiry of the period of supersession.

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter): The death of Mr. Arthur Innes Mayhew, a former Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, was announced here today.

Leaguers Stage Walk Out

Sequel To Karachi Deputy Mayor's Ruling

KARACHI, March 17 (API): Members of the Muslim League Party in the Karachi Municipal Corporation today walked-out of a meeting, breaking the quorum. The meeting had, therefore, to be adjourned

The walk-out followed discussions on the Corporation budget which shows a deficit of over Rs. 8 lakhs.

Mr. Hatim Alvi moved a resolution stating that as there was no proposal to meet the deficit in the budget, a committee should be appointed to suggest ways and means of covering it. The Deputy Mayor Mr. Desa, who was in the chair, held that the Corporation should either pass or reject the budget, and ruled Mr. Alvi's resolution out of order. The Muslim League Party members then walked-out as a protest against the ruling of the chair

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR FRONTIER

Govt. To Introduce Prohibition Early

PESHAWAR, March 17 (API): Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, Premier of the North West Frontier Province, presenting the budget estimates for 1948-49 to the Provincial Legislative Assembly in Peshawar today forecast a deficit of Rs. 18,41,000. Here is the budget at a glance.

	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49 (Estimated)
Revenue:	3,24,23,000	3,23,89,000	3,80,60,000
Expenditure	3,59,77,000	3,70,43,000	3,79,01,000
Surplus	.....	.....	....
Deficit	35,54,000	46,54,000	18,41,000.

The Premier said: Taking into account the estimated opening balance of Rs. 18,89,000 there would be a net revenue surplus of Rs. 48,000 during the coming year. The Premier disclosed that the Central Pakistan Government had undertaken to pay the usual subvention of one crore of Rupees but were not able to finance in full the development schemes already started in the Province.

The Premier disclosed Government's intention to declare the whole Province dry as early as possible. He said the revenue from provincial excise shows a very great fall, due largely to the departure of the minority communities.

There may be a further fall in it as Government, following the prohibition programme, intend to declare the whole province dry as early as possible.

The Premier revealed that negotiations had now been completed with the help of the Pakistan Government for the completion of the premier sugar mill at Mardan, which would be the largest sugar mill in the sub-continent of India and was estimated to produce 50,000 tons of sugar a year, consuming in this process half a million tons of sugar cane.

COAL SEAMS DISCOVERED

Referring to the discovery of coal seams in the Cherat Hills the Premier said that investigations were now in progress to determine the quality of coal as well as the extent of the seams. If this coal should prove to be suitable for the use as steam-coal and was found in sufficient quantities, one of the major difficulties of Pakistan could be solved.

He thanked the opposition for the very dignified attitude which they took as regards the food situation.

POLICE OPEN FIRE ON DACCA STUDENTS

Demonstrations Against East Bengal Assembly Ministers

DACCA, March 16, (API): The police opened fire, used tear gas and made lathi charges on a large number of students who were demonstrating against some members of the East Bengal Assembly of the ministerial group at the gates of the House after the Assembly session was over today. The police chased the demonstrators up to the medical college and used tear gas there also.

About 15 Muslim students were injured and they were carried to college hospital.

The District Magistrate told the press that he was present on the scene and ordered a mild lathi charge Some rifle shots were fired in the air as the demonstrators threw stones and a student was injured as result of these firings. The District Magistrate further said that one D.I.B. (District intelligence branch) Officer was injured by the students and some policemen received minor injuries.

URDU-BENGALI CONTROVERSY

E. Bengal Premier's Warning To Demonstrators

DACCA, March 16 (API): The Urdu-Bengali language controversy is only a smoke-screen for anti-State activities aimed at undermining Pakistan, said the Premier of East Bengal, Khawja Nazimuddin in a statement on today's incidents near the Legislative Assembly Hall, in which about 30 persons were injured, leading to the police opening fire.

Khawja Nazimuddin warned that the Government would "no longer tolerate lawlessness".

Khawja Nazimuddin said: "Under the cover of a seemingly genuine agitation which has attracted the general body of the student community, there are some who want to disrupt the administrative machinery of the Province with the ulterior motive of striking at the very root of Pakistan. I am convinced that this is the real objective, and I deem it my duty to warn the people in general and student in particular not to be misled".

The East Bengal Premier referred to the agreement reached between him and the Committee of Action of the language movement and said there was no delay on the part of the Government in implementing the agreement.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR EAST PAKISTAN

DACCA, March 16 (API): Eastern Pakistan's first annual Budget, introduced in the Provincial Legislative Assembly today, estimates revenue receipts for 1948-49 at 11,75 lakhs of Rupees and revenue expenditure at Rs. 16.09 lakhs, leaving a revenue deficit of Rs. 4.34 lakhs. Including the proposed capital expenditure of Rs. 139 lakhs, the deficit total Rs 573 lakhs.

BR. FIRM TO PRINT PAKISTAN STAMPS

KARACHI March 17 (API): The Government of Pakistan have placed an order for 10 million commemorative stamps for Pakistan with a British firm, it is learnt.

The CONSTELLATION plane purch ased by air India International a Government-sponsored airline, for Bom bay-London service arrives in Bombay

Socialists' Plea To Govt.

Urge Revision Of Industrial Truce Terms

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Finishing touches to the resolution on the Indian Political situation, is understood will be given at Nasik which the National Executive of the Socialist Party discussed yesterday, it where the Executive is expected to re-assemble to-morrow.

The National Executive which met this morning at the residence of Mr. Purshottam Tricamdas at Ridge Road discussed resolutions on the Industrial Truce and the economic situation of the country. It is learnt that two drafts on the Industrial Truce were placed before the Committee. The resolution which will emerge out of discussions, while welcoming the Industrial Truce, will point out the main defects in the present Industrial Truce terms and appeal to the Government to remedy them immediately.

The draft resolution on the economic situation framed by Mr. Suresh Desai, it is understood surveys the Food and industrial problems of the country. The resolution, it is said, criticises the economic and industrial policy of the Nehru Government and contends that the present government's policy will not effectively bring about inceased production.

The main political resolution which the Executive discussed yesterday surveys the political events since August 15 and analyses the present political forces in the country. The draft resolution says that since August 15, reactionary, communal, feudal and capitalist elements in the country have consolidated their forces and are endeavouring to preserve status quo in the country. The resolution adds that the progressive forces in the Congress are in "fluid" state.

The resolution further points out that Socialist Party is a new emerging force. The resolution dubbing the policy of the Communist Party as disruptive says its policy aims at endangering the newly-born state. The "operative" part of the resolution will be discussed at Nasik. It points out the necessity of organising healthy opposition to the Congress.

Draft resolutions on Kashmir, Hyderabad civil liberties, international situation and relations with the Congress will be discussed at Nasik.

Two Food Ships A Day For India

NEW DELHI, March 17 (UPI).—Two ships a day, carrying the much needed wheat, rice and maize for India from abroad are programmed to arrive in Indian ports during the month ending on April 10 next. The total quantity of food grains thus scheduled to arrive will be 373,000 tons, consisting of 119,000 tons of wheat, 115,000 tons of rice, 60,000 tons of maize, and the balance other grains.

The three largest exporters on this occasion are Australia, Argentina and Burma, with the consignment of 101,300 tons, 98,200 tons and 82,700 tons respectively. While Australia is supplying wheat and Burma rice the shipments from Argentina consist of maize and barley.

M.L.A. COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

CALCUTTA, March 16, (API): Mohd Shariff Khan, M. L. A. (West Bengal) was today committed to sessions by a Deputy Magistrate of Howrah, on a murder charge arising out of an incident during the 1946 disturbances; on the prayer of the police the personal recognizance bond of Rs. 500/- of the accused was cancelled and was ordered to be remanded to jail custoday.

U. Maya (Henzada) Leader of the Burmese International Delegation, now in Bombay. He is the Vice-President of the National Planning Board and Chairman of the Union Bank of Burma.

Arab League Recognises New Imam Of Yemen

Economic Conference Of Arab Countries To Be Held Next Month

BEIRUT, March 17 (Reuter) Haj Amin Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem arrived here from Cairo to attend the first meeting last night of the special three-day Arab League session called to discuss the Palestine situation and recent developments in the Yemen.

This sudden meeting of the Arab League Political Commission is believed to have been called because of the urgency of latest developments in Palestine.

It is being attended by Abdul Raham Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the League, and the Foreign Ministers of the seven Arab League countries.

On the Yemen question, it is expected the Arab League is prepared to recognize the new Imam, Emir Seifal Islam Ahmad, eldest son of the assassinated former Imam Yahya, who captured and deposed Abdullah Al Wazir who attempted to seize power after the former Imam's assassination.

Emir Seif Al Islam Abdullah, brother of Imam Ahmad, is expected to arrive in Beirut today.

A 'Reuter' message from Bagdad said member states of the Arab League will hold an economic conference in Bagdad next month to discuss trade and exchange questions between the countries, currency unity of the Arab states will be discussed in detail. It was reliably learned.

A special Iraqui Committee will meet today to consider notes on the subject sent by the Lebanon, Syria and Egypt.

Bao Dai Optimistic

HONG KONG, March 17 (Reuter): Ex-Emperor Bao Dai today agreed to continue his role as negotiator with France to secure a settlement in Indo-China. Accepting the request of the conference here of all Annamite political parties except Viet Nam, Bao Dai said he was fully in accord with the conference's aspirations.

He hoped that as a result of sound mutual understanding between the French High Commissioner, M Emile Bollaert, and himself a solution would be found in the near future.

SOVIET DIPLOMAT TO SIAM

BANKOK March 16 (Reuter): The first Soviet diplomatic representative to Siam, M Serge Niemchina, arrived here last night to take up his post as Minister.

He was accompanied by a staff of ten.

Diplomatic exchanges between Russia and Siam were agreed upon on a legation basis and the advance staff reached here last month.

M. Niechina's arrival was delayed because of illness.

COMMUNIST ALONE VOTES FOR HIS AMENDMENT

CUTTACK, March 16 (API): The Orissa Assembly this evening took up for consideration the Orissa Maintenance of Public Order Bill and passed 7 clauses before rising for the day

Mr. Baidyanath Rath (Communist) who had given notice of several amendments, opposed the Bill. He wanted the Bill to be circulated to elicit public opinion.

The motion was, however, rejected only Mr. Rath voting for the motion for circulation. His other amendments were also similarly rejected.

Bombay Assembly

Ghate-Parulekar Committee Report Under Fire

Dange Denounces Proposed Control On Private Tuitions Without Solving Problem Of Minimum Living Wage For Teachers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Communist member, Mr. S. A. Dange, declared in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today that the Ghate-Parulekar Committee's report showed a fundamental lack of approach to the problem of reorganising secondary education on correct lines and to give the teacher a minimum living wage. He dubbed the report "as a rehash of the Central Pay Commission's recommendations with a few amend-menis here and there".

The discussion arose out of a cut motion moved by Dr. M. N. Natu relating to the report of the Committee as the House was considering the demand for grants for education.

Earlier in the day the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, replying to the debate on a cut motion moved yesterday to criticise the working of grant-in-aid secondary schools, said that they could not forget the great work done by selfless public workers for the promotion of secondary education in the Province. He admitted that proprietory concerns were also started by some whose main objective was to make profits.

He pointed out that the grant-in-aid code stipulated that Government should contribute 33½ per cent. of the total expenditure of a school. Last year Government contributed 22 per cent for boys schools and 27 per cent for girls schools and this year it would be raised to 25 and 29 per cents, respectively. Additional provision had been made in the budget to give a further rise next year.

MOTHER TONGUE AS MEDIUM

Mr. Kher said that the present system of imparting secondary education through the medium of a foreign language would have to change in course of time. He doubted whether the knowledge which a student acquired through a foreign language would be as perfect as through his own mother tongue. Regional languages were bound to become more important with the redistribution of provinces on linguistic basis.

The Prime Minister admitted that the cost of secondary education was beyond the means of the middle class It was Government's desire that secondary or higher education should not remain the privilege of a rich few, but should be the birth-right of every one. But Government's resources were limited and therefore they could proceed only gradually.

He agreed with the suggestion to cut down the number of holidays in schools.

NO PARTY POLITICS IN SCHOOLS

He made it clear that Government would not tolerate teachers carrying on party or political propaganda among students. What business has the teacher to inculcate in the minds of students feelings of rivalry against other communities?" he asked. The first job of the student was to study as was enjoined by Gandhiji himself. The Mahatma did not agree to teachers going on strike.

The influence of the teacher was immense and unless he himself was self-disciplined he would not be able to build up the character of the student. Teachers could take to social activities like the scout movement, literacy classes, etc. The teacher should not utilise the whole time outside school hours on private tuition as teaching would suffer, and Government proposed to accept the recommendation of the Ghate-Parulekar Committee in this respect.

NEED FOR MORE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

The cut motion was withdrawn.

Moving a token cut, Mr. M M A. Bhaijee urged Government to open more technical schools in the Province.

Messrs. J. H. Shamsuddin and C. A. Vakil took part in the discussion.

Mr Kher in his reply stated that Government had appointed the Secondary Technical Education Committee with the V.J.T. Institute principal as chairman, and their report would be ready shortly. In the meanwhile Government had already provided for the opening of ten technical schools under the five-year development plan, out of which two would begin to function from next June These ten Schools would involve a total expenditure of rupees 84 lakhs with a recurring expenditure of more than four lakhs every year. He hoped to give more facilities for the expansion of technical education on receipt of the Committee's report.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

By another cut motion Mr. Bhaijee asked the Government to give more grants to the Bombay University to erect new buildings and hostels.

The Prime Minister stated in his reply that last year Government granted Rs. 2,87,000 to the University and the corresponding figure for this year was Rs. 2,67,000. The Government had asked the University to submit details of expenses which would be involved in the construction of proposed buildings to house the various departments. He assured that on receipt of these details Government would make a handsome grant to the University.

On the Prime Minister's assurance, the cut motion was withdrawn.

DEMAND FOR HIGHER SALARY FOR TEACHERS

The Ghate-Parulekar Committee's report was the subject of a cut motion moved by Dr. M. N. Natu. He urged Government to implement their recommendations as early as possible with suitable changes wherever necessary. He said that teachers should be started on a higher salary than that suggested by the Committee. He urged that teachers should have a voice in the conduct of schools and therefore they should be appointed on managing boards.

Mr Hukerikar said that grant-in-aid secondary school teachers' salary was quite inadequate and Government should see that they were also paid at the same rate as allowed to Government school teachers.

WHY NO MINIMUM LIVING WAGE"

Mr. Dange strongly criticised the report saying that the Committee had no standard on which to operate except the standard of bankruptcy of ideas. They did not adopt the simple standard of a living minimum wage for the teacher. The Committee had on the other hand taken refuge under the confusion of the Pay Commission's report. The report he said, showed a lack of approach to the problem of reorganising secondary education or to raise the status of the teacher.

He thought that it was a great error that no working teacher was appointed on the Committee.

Another objectionable feature of the report was the control sought to be imposed on private tuition. "When the problem of a living wage is solved the question of private tuition will be automatically solved" he asserted.

Mr Kher replying to the debate requested members to treat the report more charitably and urged them to show more sympathy and understanding. He denied the charge that there was any class bias or class interest in the composition of the Committee.

The acceptance of the report would involve an immediate expenditure of rupees 70 lakhs for grants and rupees 60 lakhs towards dearness allowance. The outlay on secondary education should be guided by that on primary education which has been given top priority by the Government. He assured that Government were paying careful attention to the report and their considered views would be announced shortly.

Mr. Kher had not concluded his reply when the House rose for the day.

INDO-BRITISH STERLING BALANCES

LONDON, March 17. (I.P.A.): Indian Press Association reliably understands that influential financial circles here are pressing the British Government to stiffen their attitude towards sterling balances. These circles have proposed (1) to block those sterling balances which have not yet been funded, (2) to stop release of funded balances and (3) not to make the released sterling balances usable in convertible area. The campaign is being led by the "Financial Times" with an article by Paul Einzig.

British Treasury circles affirm a possible firm stand against demands by India and Pakistan, in view of the British White Paper on Britain's economic position.

U. S. AIRCRAFT— CARRIER IN CEYLON

COLOMBO, March 16, (Reuter): The United States Aircraft Carrier "Valley Force" (27,000 tons) and the 2,400 ton destroyers, William C. Lawe and Lloyd Thomas, have arrived at Trincomalee, Ceylon, on a goodwill visit to the Dominion.

Admiral Sir Arthur D. Palliser Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Fleet, paid a courtesy visit to the Aircraft Carrier immediately she entered harbour.

DEMOBILIZATION OF WAR'S LARGEST ARMY

MOSCOW, March 16 (UPA) The Soviet Army announced today that demobilisation of the war's largest army would be completed April 1 just 35 months after the end of the war with Germany.

FOOD SCARCITY IN DAHANU

Sequel To Restrictions Imposed By Jawhar State

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, March 17.

Aborigines in Dahanu taluka, especially Katkaris, who work on charcoal kilns and who are every year supplied with foodstuffs by charcoal contractors from Dahanu are threatened with starvation as a result of restrictions imposed by Jawhar State on transport of foodstuffs through the State territory. It is understood that the District Magistrate, Thana, has imposed some restrictions on export of Jawhar rice either by rail or by sea. Jawhar State has, therefore, it seems, decided not to allow any foodstuff from the Indian Union to pass through the State territory. This is causing very great hardship to Adivasis who are likely to die of starvation if food does not reach in time. Prices of foodstuffs in Dahanu taluka are soaring every day as a result of the decontrol policy adopted by the Government. Prices of millets and rice are three times higher than those which prevailed during days of rationing.

Some responsible leaders propose to contact Food Minister and discuss the matter with him. Situation needs prompt attendance by the Government.

Share Bazar Improves After Early Decline

INCREASED SELLING IN COTTON DEPRESSES PRICES

Bullion Market Moves Within Narrow Range

BOMBAY, March 17.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened very steady on expectations of an encouraging message from President Truman to the Congress There was scattered buying but in the absence of follow-up on the buying moderate liquidation appeared which wiped off a portion of the early improvement. At the decline the market was again supported with moderate support. Some dealers anticipate an increase in steel prices.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at a rise of Rs. 28 at Rs. 1740 and improved at Rs. 1745 under scattered buying. At this level the demand was satisfied and quotations assumed sagging tendency which quietened Dfds. at Rs. 1725 but the market steadied at Rs. 1730. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 355 and after declining at Rs. 352. Steadied at Rs. 353. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1085 and advanced at Rs. 1092 but reacted at Rs. 1075 and steadied at Rs. 1080. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 615 and after declining at Rs. 610 rallied at Rs. 612. Simplex shares were steady at Rs 230 after opening at Rs. 223. Swadeshi Shares opened at Rs. 654 and quietened at 650. Today's improvement in Steel Shares was mainly due to short covering influenced by international political uncertainty.

Towards the close trading was restricted and quotations failed to show any marked departure. Tata Steel Defds were done at Rs. 1735 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 353. Dyeings stood at Rs. 1077/8 while Kohinoors were done at Rs. 614. Simplex shares were quoted at Rs 232. Bellapurs were placed at Rs. 357 while Cements improved at Rs. 179. Indian Bleachings were done at Rs. 165 while Scindia shares were quoted at Rs. 29/13.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1080 Kohinoor 614 Swadeshi 649 Nagpur 347 Simplex 233 New Great 388 Gokak 346 Indore 547/8 Century 515 Colaba 320 I. Bleaching 165 Swan 373 Finlay 340 Morarji 520 Edward 682/8 Meyer 185 Apollo 3/15/6 I. U. Ordinary 15/6 I. U. Defd. 2/15 Madhusudan 240 Podar 147/8 Khatau 267/8

STEEL

Tata Steel Ord. 352/8 Tata Steel Defd. 1730 Second 146/12.

CEMENTS

Associated Merger X. D. 179/8.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 457/8 Belapur 359 Shivrajpur 40 Scindia 29/12 New Prem 7 Construction 206 Tata Chemical 17/15 Tata Oil 63 Indian Iron 32/1 Bengal Steel 27/12

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro 155 Andhra 1410 Power 1583/12.

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 88 Phoenix 492/8 Ind. Mfg. 4210 Kooria 300 Dawn 1040 David 143/12 New City 195/10 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 740 Bharucha (Defd.) 7 Bharat 44 Mysore 232/8 Madhavji 19/6 Model 201/4 Laxmi 1590 Vishnu 625 Western 4250 Standard 503/12 Sholapur 6285 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 4310 Tata 75 Ahmedabad Advance 565 Sassoon Silk 108/8 New Union 19/2 Madhusudan B 47 Shrinivas X R 230 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Simplex Cpn. 110.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 137/8 New 135/10 Surat 143/2 Karachi 115 Broach 10/4 Ajmer 10/4 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 145 Bombay Suburban 153/12 Bombay Suburban New 131/4.

BANK SHARES

Reserve 112/8 Imperial 2085 P. P. 518/12 Central 86/12 New 86 India 252 Union 10/9 Baroda 166/8 Habib 152/8 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 67 Jaipur 51 Hindustan Com. 37 Mysore 365 Exchange (Ord.) 50 Eastern 105

INSURANCE

Oriental 5600, Empire 785 New India 74 Jupiter 31 Vulcan 14/6 Indian Mercantile 50/8 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 22/14 Prud 29 Neptune 7 New Great 25 All-India General 31.

RAILWAYS

C P 105/8 Mymensing 100 Guaranteed 100 Pachora 107/8.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 330 Steamer 555 Burma New 147/8 BB Petrol 3/0/9 Mackenzie 85 Port Canning 76 Kemp 490 Zandu Pharmacy 180 Indian Investment Trust 103/8 Wimco 317/8 Dharamsey Chemical 36/8 Mukund Iron 10 Dena Trust 24 Alembic 262/8 Supreme India 130 Jamwire 108 Bombay Uganda 74 Bombay Motor Cycle 42 India Cement 31/4 Walchand Nagar Industries 180 United Motor 74 A.C.C New 110 Bombay Safe Deposit 910 Hydro Construction 16 Mahmad Steam 101 Gujarat Motor 25/2 Sardar Carbolic 750 Estrella Bat. 53.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 197/8 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1220 Tata Power 1305 Hydro 128/12 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 697/8 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 830 Laxmi 307/8 New Great 225 Poddar 115 Shrinivas 98 Elphinstone 118/12 Bradbury 480 Surat Electric 165/10 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 Amalgamated 123/12 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 128/12 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/14 Supreme 120 Meyer 121/4 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 160 Mysore Mill 50 Standard 101 Madhusudan 12

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GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 17.

The Bullion market remains very steady with persistent buying. Prices are steadily moving up but at the rise, some profit-taking is appearing. At the opening forward silver was quoted at Rs. 165|- and advanced at Rs. 165|14 on persistent buying but reacted at Rs. 165|4 on scattered realising. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 165|4. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 110|8 and advanced at Rs 111 but reacted at Rs. 110|8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 110|12 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 71|4

Quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	165	6	0
Forward Silver	165	4	0
Ready Gold	110	12	0
Forward Gold	110	8	0
Sovereign	71	4	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 17

The local cotton market opened steady today but ruled quiet on increased liquidation. After yesterday's two side rapid price movement, dealers were cautious. May delivery opened at Rs. 583|8 and declined at Rs. 578 under increased liquidation. Thereafter the market was steady on short covering and May option was quoted at Rs. 579|8.

Later on the market was steady with moderate buying and May delivery was quoted at Rs. 581. The market was easy in the afternoon with increased selling pressure and May declined at Rs. 576|8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	575	8	0
I.C.C. May	577	0	0
I.C.C. July	583	12	0
I.C.C. September	588	4	0

Indian Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 1175 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

High And Low Cotton Prices

Bombay, March 16

March highest 597; lowest 582 1/2; closing 584

May highest 593; lowest 581 1/2; closing 583 3/4

July highest 598 1/2; lowest 588 1/2; closing 590

September highest 602 1/2; lowest 593; closing 594.

PRODUCE MARKET

MOMBAY, March 17.

The produce market was quietly steady with moderate business. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 133 and improved at Rs. 133|8 but declined at Rs. 132|4 and steadied at Rs. 132|10. Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS

	Rs.	a.	p.
Madras ready ..	31	10	0
Bold ready	30	14	0
Khandesh ready	31	14	0
February-March delivery	30	14	0
April-May delivery ..	30	4	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Ready	31	8	0
May delivery	131	12	0
LINSEED			
Ready	24	12	0
February-March delivery	24	12	0
April-May delivery ..	24	0	0
OILS			
Groundnuts ready ..	17	1	0
March delivery	17	1	0
April delivery ..	16	14	0
Castorseeds 1st quality	20	0	0
Castorseeds Com. Quality	19	8	0
Linseed Oil	16	4	0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 17:

MILLS

Apollo 4 3/15
Bharat 43/12 44
B. Dyeing 1087/8 85 92/8 83/12 85 75 80 77/8 80
Bradbury 740
C. India 351 49 50 47
Century 515
Finlay 343 44 40
Gokak 350 46
I. U. Defd. 3 2/15
I. U. Ord. 15/8 15/6
Indore 547/8 40 47/8
Khatau 272/8 67/8
Kohinoor 618 19 10 14 11 13 11 14
Laxmi 1587/8 90
Madhusudan 240 45
Meyer 188/12 85
Morarji 520
New Great 391 88
Podar 167/8
Shrinivas 235 30
Simplex 234 33 34 30 31/8 29/8 33
Swadeshi 655 53 54 47 50 49
Tata Mills 75/8 74/8 75

BANKS

Baroda 167 66 66/8
Central 87/8 86 87 86/12
Imperial Old 2085 82/8 85
Imperial New 520 18/12
India 252
Reserve 112/8
Union 10/10 10/9
U. Commercial 67

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 138/2 38/12 36/4
B. Suburban 150 53/12
Karachi 115
Surat 142/8 43/2
Hydro 155 56 55
Power 1581/4 85 77/8 85 83/12

INSURANCE

B. I. General 22/14
New India 74/12 74 74/4 74

STEAMER

B. Steam 552/8 55 52/8 57/8 55
Scindia 30/2 29/11 29/13 29/12

STEEL

B. Steel 28/1 27/12
I. Iron 32/6 32/8 32 32/1
Tata Defd. 1740 47/8 22/8 32/8 27/8 35 30
Tata Ord. 355 54/8 56/8 52/8 53/8 53 53/8 51/8 53 52/8
Tata Ind Pref. 147 46/12

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 328/12 35 30
A. C. C. Old 177 78 75/12 79/8
A. C. C. New 109/8 8 10
Belapur 362 57 59
B. B. Old 452/8 57/8 56/4 57/8
B. B. New 148/12 47/8
B. B. Petrol 3/0/6 3/0/9
I. Bleaching 165 61 65
P. Const. 209 7 8 6 7 6
Tata Chem. 18/1 18/2 17/15
Tata Pref. 126/4 28/12
Tata Oil 64 63
Wimco 318/12 18/2 18/12 17/8

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New. 135 35/10
Surat Elec. New 111/4

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, March 17.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1960	101	0	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	97	1	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	7	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	99	7	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	
3 p.c. Non-Terminable ..	100	2	0
3 p.c. 1996 Con.	100	0	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	101	6	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	6	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	5	0
3 p.c. 1957	102	4	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	101	15	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	101	1	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	100	14	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	100	8	0
3-1/2 p.c. 1951-59	105	12	0
4 p.c 1948-53	102	8	0
4 p.c. 1960-70	113	5	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	116	12	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2-3/4 p.c. U. P. 1961 ..	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c Madras 1961	99	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955 ...	101	12	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958 ...	101	12	0
4 p.c. Punjab 1949 ..	99	4	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53 ..	100	12	0
3 p.c Punjab 1952	99	4	6
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	112	0	0
3 p.c. C P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N.-W. F. 1952 ..	100	0	0
3 p.c U P 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust.	112	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	112	0	0
5 p.c Bombay Municipality 1969	118	0	0
6 p.c. Municipality 1954. New 977	120	0	0
5 p.c. B. P. T.	101	9	0
	112	0	0

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, March 17.

Tata Ordinary 352-8; Tata Deferred 1730; Indian Iron 32-1; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27-12; Bombay Dyeing 1080; Central India 346-14; Gokak 346-4; Kohinoor 612-12; Simplex 233; Swadeshi 648-12; Tata Power 1583-12. Associated Cement 179-8; Belapur 358-12; Bombay Burma (Old) 457-8; Scindia 29-12; Central Bank 86-12; New India 74; Tata 2nd Pref. 146-12

WOOL TOPS

NEW YORK, March 16, (UPA): Wool tops closed steady, unchanged to 10 lower.

LONDON WHEAT.

LONDON, March 16.

Australian Wheat (bulk) 137/6 Mar.-Apl. quoted.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 17.

B C Rates I T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6/5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 1/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rates I T Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 6400
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 6550
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D—79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4
New York-London Cross Rate Dol 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4
London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-58.43
London Alexandria Pia 97 1/4-3/4
London Amsterdam Fl. 10.68-70
London Bangkok Tcl. 40
London Belgium Fcs. 178 1/2-3/4
London Denmark Kr. 19.32-36
London Hongkong 1/3 1/16
London Iran Rl. 128-130
London Java Fl. 10.68-70
London Lisbon Es 99.80-100.20
London Manila Pes. 8.07-12
London Montreal Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London New York Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London Oslo Kr. 19.98 20.02
London Paris Fcs. 863.40-864.60.
London Prague K. 201-202
London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8
London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50
London Switzerland Fcs 17.34-36
London Syria 880-5
London Discts 3 Months 9/16 p.c
London Discts 6 Months 5/8 p.c
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c Bank of England Rate 2 p.c
Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 3/4 p c 6 months 1 p c 12 months 1-1/2 p.c.
Tone:—Easy

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 12th day of March:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	12,00,94,000	
Notes in circulation	1306,88,57,000	
Total Notes issued		1318,89,51,000
Total Liabilities		1318,89,51,000

Assets	Rs.	Rs.
A Gold Coin and Bullion:—		
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000	
Sterling Securities	1135,32,89,000	
Total of A		1179,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin		36,31,12,000
Government of India Rupee Securities		102,84,05,000
Total Assets		1318,89,51,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 89.449 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Central Government of	
(1) India	250,18,04,000
(2) Pakistan	48,44,08,000
(b) Other Governments in	
(1) India	18,33,52,000
(2) Pakistan	1,94,54,000
(c) Banks	87,61,29,000
(d) Others	36,90,05,000
Bills Payable	4,47,61,000
Other Liabilities	16,29,04,000
Total Rs.	474,18,17,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	12,00,94,000
Rupee Coin	10,92,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,53,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Government Treasury Bills	1,23,39,000
Balances held abroad	385,54,36,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	12,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	40,000
Investments	70,43,59,000
Other Assets	4,71,04,000
Total Rs.	474,18,17,000

PAKISTAN COTTON FOR INDIA

Permits For Export Necessary, Says Press Note

KARACHI, March, 16, (API): A Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner of Pakistan today said: "In the press Communique of March 12, 1948 it was stated that permits for exports of cotton to India will be entirely free. Some persons have interpreted this to mean that no permits are required for exporting cotton to India. That is not correct permits are required. Such permits will, however, be issued automatically on application.

"Application forms for permits for export of cotton to India can be obtained from the office of the Textile Commissioner, Government of Pakistan.

"Parties who had applied previously for grant of permits for exports of cotton to India should also obtained new forms and make applications on them."

Calicut Market

CALICUT, March 17.

Coiryarn Beypore 145/155; Quilandy 165/175; Fibre Garbled 110; Ungarbled 100; Cocoanuts Raw 98/99 Dry 100; Cocoanut Oil 310; Copra Office 210; Illipasand 215; Pepper Wynaad 810; Country 800; Dry Ginger Chernad 250; Ernad 240; Coffee Robusta 180; Timberr Pali 55/57/8; Junglewood 32/35; Vellapine 45; Benteak 40/45; Teak 90/100; Mango Planks 3/8/4; Teak 15/20; Rosewood 15/20.

Textile Market Review

After the removal of the control on cloth, prices which ordinarily should not have gone up by more than 25 per cent. are today much higher than that. The removal of the controls has at any rate removed the scarcity of cloth. Dhoties, saries and such other varieties which were very scarce, and for which abnormal prices were being asked, can be had at varying prices. It is said that some millowners are asking for a little extra on the stamped prices. Some lay the blame for this extra on the merchants. Some of the mills have started giving their cloth in their own shops, or through authorised dealers.

An agreement has been signed between the Government of India and Pakistan. The Government of India have agreed to give 12 bales of cloth in return for 20 bales of cotton received from Pakistan. The agreement is to remain in force till the end of August, 1948. India is very short of long staple cotton as also of medium counts. The Pakistan Government has, however, imposed a very heavy duty on cotton bales exported. It will increase the cost of cotton. Perhaps the prices of other shorter staple cottons grown in India may also rise in sympathy. The prices of fine count cotton imported from Africa and Egypt are also high. If the prices of cloth are to be kept reasonably low, some way will have to be found to overcome these handicaps.

The Cotton Delegation from Sudan, which arrived a few days ago to settle about the export of Sudanese cotton to India, has failed in its mission. It is now on its way back Home. Sudan wanted a quota as big as for Egyptian cotton. In view of the difference in the qualities of the two, the Government of India could not agree to this. It is rather unfortunate. This cotton would have relieved to a certain extent the pressure on Egyptian and African cottons.

The demand of cloth in the bazar is good. There is an upward tendency in prices, which ought to be checked.

TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on March 16. Total amount accepted was Rs. 98,-00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-8-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on March 23,1948.

During the week ended March 12, 1948, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 7,59,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, March 17.

	Pcs.
40 x 11 Per yd.	
Ready	122
March	112-1/2
April/June	106-1/2
D. W. 40 x 18.	
Ready	102/0/0
March	101 8 0
April/June	98 0 0

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, March 17.

	Rs.
Pagan	723/26
Chaitra	722/35

Italian Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, March 17.

150 D. March	11	15	0
150 D. April	11	15	6
120 D. Ready	10	12	0

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS & EXPORTS

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 17.

S. S. ISLANDSIDE

FROM HALIFAX: 178 cases Break fast cocoa, 638 Rolls Std. News Print 414 Rolls paper, 2746 Bdls. Canadian white birch sugar 300 Cartons Radio Receivers 25 c/s. Radio Gramophones, 3420 crates Acetic Acid, 1000 drums carbide of Calcium, 115 c/s Printing paper, 6332 bds. Canadian Turkish Towel.

S. S. BARJORA

FROM KHORAMSHAH: 90 barrels sheep skins.

FROM MUSCAT: 483 bgs. Sardines.

S. S. LIMBURG

FROM SEATTLE WASHINGTON: 400 bgs. Soda Ash.

FROM PORTLAND BREFER: 1600 Ash.

FROM LOS ANGELS: 120 cts paper cups, Nested, 40 cts paper lida 3490 bgs. Borax, 25 boxes Aircraft Parts

FROM SINGAPORE: 56 bgs bettlenuts, 722 bds. Rattons, 996 bgs Sago flour.

S. S. MOUNT DAVIS

FROM BOSTON: 27 c/s leather belting 40 c/s steel wood screws, 89 c/s cycle parts.

FROM NEW YORK: 231 pkgs. steel bolts and Nuts, 238 ctrs Fluroescent Tubes, 162 drums Caustic Soda.

FROM SANFRANCISCO: 180 drms Caustic Soda, 1565 drms Lub. Oil

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. EGIDIA

TO LIVERPOOL: 25 bales wool—New Commercial Corporation,

S. S. CITY OF DURBAN

TO HULL: 499 drums castor oil—The Gujarat Oil Mill & Mfg. Co. Ltd.

S. S. MOUNT DAVIS

To Alexandria: 25 drums Castrol Oil —Piroz Trading Co. Ltd.

To Philadelphia: 31 bales drysalted goatskin —N. D. George Bros.

To Marcelles: 14 bales drysalted goatskin —Pagnan & Co. Ltd.

To New York: 117 bags drugun—S S. Lachhamsingh 40 bags sandlewood—Sorabji Nawroji & Co.

S S. HOUGH SILVER LIGHT

To Singapore: Cotton piecegood 23 bales —G. Radharam 17 bales —M. Dialdas & Sons.

S. S. FINNAMORE

To Rangoon: Cotton piecegood 10 bales—S. R. Singi 5 bales International Commercial Corporation 7 bales—A Chimanlal & Bros. 9 bales —J. E. Damkennala 13 bales —B. N. Karwar, 7 bales —H. Meghji 9 bales—A. Ebrahim Bros 23 cases almuminium untensils Girdharlal & Bros 255 bags Jethlmandh —D. Dadabhai cotton waste blankets 28 bales A. S Abba 12 bales —H. S. Suleman 50 bags glass bottles—United Trading Co.

S. S. URBINO

To Hull: 180 drums Castrol Oil — Continental Commercial Co. 260 drums Castrol Oil —K. Devchand & Co. Ltd.

S. S. MULBERA

To Sydney: Cotton piecegoods 13 bales —The Binod Mills Co. Ltd. 8 bales —Anglo Thai Corporation 23 bags linseed—C. Ujamshibhai.

To Melbourne: 13 bales Cotton piecegoods—The Sinod Mills Co Ltd.

S. S. BARJORA

To Khoramshire: 100 cases blacktea—Lipon Ltd.

To Muscat 50 chest black tea—Lipton Ltd.

To Behrein: From Calies Indfta Ltd. 7 cases curry powder 4 cases mango chutney 10 bdls carpets 118 drums paints.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

T.S.S. "KAMPALA" arrived from Karachi on March 17, with 2317 passengers and 678 tons of general Cargo (M.M.)

SAILINGS

s.s. "JALARAJAN" sailed for London, on March 16, with 5000 tons of general Cargo.

"BRITISH SOLDIER" sailed for Abadan, on March 16, with 83 tons of general Cargo.

s.s. "ATLANTACITY" sailed for Kodithottam on March 16 with a crew of 36 men.

"SKAGERAK" sailed for Christmas Island on March 15, with a crew of 28 men.

M.V. DUMRA sailed for Basrah, on March 16, with 957 passengers and 1535 tons of general Cargo.

s.s. "HASHEMI" sailed for Veraval, on March 17, with 491 tons of general Cargo.

Persistent Mill Buying In New York Cotton Market

WALL STREET MARKET ADOPTS WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE

NEW YORK, March 16.

COTTON: Early losses were influenced by liquidation of spot March with the issuance of 131 notices, combined with nervousness in international politics and uncertainties in connection with the ultimate effects of the softcoal strike. Prices rallied sharply on late covering of spot March prior to its expiration at noon with increased mill-buying disclosing scarcity of contracts. Buying of new crop, particularly October, was attributale to the lateness of crop preparations as a result of unfavourable weather conditions. In the afternoon persistent mill demands continued to disclose limited offerings which eventually stimulated covering. Ideas that President Truman's congressional message tomorrow will urge the prompt passage of the Marshall Plan which will stimulate buying for export were evidently a contributing factor. The market closed very steady with sales estimated at 250,000 bales.

WALL STREET MARKET

A brief but effective wave of nervous liquidation engulfed the market this morning bringing widespread losses upto nearly two points forcing the averages to within easy striking distance of the 1948 low levels. Labour troubles and the uncertainty about President Truman's address on the foreign situation tomorrow before the joint session of congress were the chief influences. Following the initial spell of nervous liquidation the market steadied around the low levels as activity quietened but the recuperative ability was negligible. Rubbers did not display further unsettlement after the early decline when the news came of the threatened C.I.O. week-end strike against the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company to enforce demands for a collective bargaining agreement. The averages were industrials 165.99 and rails 49.08. In the afternoon while most issues held around the noon levels some industrials lost little more ground which brought the group average practically to the 1948 low level. Losses covering two dollars prevailed. The market adopted a wait and see attitude to reports from some quarters that the major softcoal operators are seeking a truce to halt the mine walkout. Industrials, except Douglas Aircraft, were subjected to some increase in pressure in final trading with the average breaking through the 1948 low by a narrow margin. Other sections generally finished at the day's worst levels. The market closed easy.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Early irregularities reflected nervousness over the international situation. Later prices rallied sharply under the leadership of wheat on commercial buying reportedly lifting hedges against sales of cash wheat to the government agency. The advance, however, again attracted profittaking and prices receded from the day's best levels.

New York Cotton

New York, March 16

May	34.24+29
May highest	34.28+33
May lowest	33.78—17
July	33.51+29
October	30.82+42
December	30.25+41
March	30.00+40
May	29.77+47
July	28.95
Middling spot	35.16+29

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 16

May	34.18+28
July	33.46+36
October	30.74+42
December	30.16+49
Middling spot	34.65+30

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 16.

American Telephone and Telegraph 148-1/8; Amerex Holding Co. 24-1/2; Anaconda Copper Mining 30-3/4; Chase National Bank 34-1/4; Sinclair Oil Co. 16-3/4; Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. 43-7/8; General Electric Co. 32-1/4; General Motors 50-3/4; Ingersoll Rand 121-1/2. International Nickel 25; National City Bank of New York 37-1/8; New York Central Rail Road Co. 12-3/4; Socony Vacuum Corporation 15-1/8; Texas Corporation 52-3/8; Union Carbon and Carbide 98-3/8; U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. 43-3/4; U. S. Steel Corporation common 67-1/2, Western Union Telegraph 26-5/8; U. S. price of fine silver 74-5/8 cents.

WORTH STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, March 16. (UPA): Two factors combined to make Worth Street buyers show stronger caution: reports of accumulating stock of remnants in the mills hands and continued pressure from resale offerings.

In print cloths, the mills maintained a basis of 32 1/2 cents of standard 80-square constructing but offerings of "seconds and shorts reported substantial discounts for spot delivery under a first hand basis. Osnaburg material activity remained quiet although brokers reported some interest, presumably in connection with the government's flour buying programme.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, March 16.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	77
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	104-13/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-3/4
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-9/16
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113-3/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-1/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	120-1/2
National Bank of India	25-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially 7315.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

LONDON, March 16.

T. T. London on:—

New York selling 4.0275, buying 4.0325, Madrid 44.00 Montreal selling 4.0275, buying 4.0325, Zurich selling 17.34, buying 17.36, Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, March 16.

Silver Spot 45 d. Forward 45 d. Gold £8/12/3.

NEW YORK SILVER.

NEW YORK, March 16.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 74-5/8 cents.

MUTT AND JEFF—After All There's Nothing Like Being Cheerful About It BY BUD FISHER

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DEAL?
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OH, I DUNNO!
YOU DON'T KNOW?
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Wanted Agents, Stockists for Aryamalam, Arya Laboratories, 19, Surendra Banerji Road, Calcutta. (7483)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS on plain paper to be eventually drawn in P.W.D. Form No. XLV are invited from all "A" Class Contractors or accredited suppliers in all Provinces in India, Central P.W.D. and M.E.S., for the supply of the following kinds of timber of first quality free from all defects and to confirm to Orissa P.W.D. Specifications for the Construction of the new Capital at Bhubaneswar (B.N. Rly.) Orissa.

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Over 6' girth, length 16' to 22' ..	200 Tons.

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Over 6' girth, length 14' and over ..	300 Tons.
Indian Teak from Orissa, Central Provinces of Malabar Forests in cut or uncut logs of various sizes ..	500 Tons.
Burma Teak ..	500 Tons.
Sal-Bullahs 3" to 7" in dim. and 12' to 20' in length ..	5000 Nos.

Quotations may be submitted for the supply of all or any one of the items noted above. All quotations should be for supply F.O.B. at Bhubaneswar Railway Station, Bengal Nagpur Railway. Earnest money in the form of Treasury Challan at the rate of Rs. 100/- for every 3000/- for the tendered amount along with the tender or tenders must reach the undersigned before noon on Monday the 5th of April, 1948.

H. S. KAHAI,
Superintending Engineer,
Bhubaneswar Capital
Construction Circle.
P.O. Bhubaneswar,
Dist. Puri (Orissa).
(7793)

NOTICE

TENDERS will be received by the CHIEF ENGINEER, M. & S.M. RAILWAY, Madras, for the CONSTRUCTION of 'A' TYPE QUARTERS.

25 Units at Miraj
20 Units at Ghorpuri

Upto 12 hours on THURSDAY, the 1st April, 1948.

Forms will be issued on payment of Rupees TEN per set.

Earnest money to be paid in advance at the rate of Rs. 500/- per tender. 7761

NOTICE

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER, M. & S. M. RAILWAY, Madras, FOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS of the following sub-divisions-GUNTAKAL DISTRICT, on the Metre Gauge System of this Railway:—

(1) GUNTAKAL—From Mile 119/13 (near Hindupur-Mysore Frontier) To Guntakal on the Chord Line.
and from Guntakal To Diguvametta on the Main Line.

(2) GUNTUR from Diguvametta including the Guntur To Tadepalli Macherla Branch.

Upto 12 hours on FRIDAY, the 9th April. 1948.

Tender forms and other documents will be issued on payment of Rs. TEN each per set.

Earnest money is to be paid in advance at the rate of Rs. 500/- per tender. 7755

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT SCHEME OF NATIONALISATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT

TENDER NOTICE

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY have decided to commence the operation of Stage carriages under State Transport Bombay from June, 1948. In this connection it will be necessary to organise and set up workshops, service Depots and garages at various places in the Province commencing for the present from Poona.

Tenders are therefore invited for the supply of articles mentioned in the Schedule below so as to reach the office of the undersigned before 31st March 1948 (3 P.M.)

Tenders should be properly sealed and superscribed "Tender for the supply of the machinery/fuel oil/or lubricants" as the case may be.

Tenders received contrary to the instructions mentioned above will not be considered. Detailed information regarding all matters about the requirements, the place of supply etc. will be available from the office of the undersigned between 11 A. M. and 1 P.M. in person on week days. The information can be supplied, if necessary, by post.

SCHEDULE

I. (a) Machineries including hand and power tools for Headquarters—Workshop to handle about 300 operating buses (Petrol and Diesel)
(b) Servicing equipments, washing plants and other depot equipment sufficient to handle about 50 to 70 vehicles.
(c) Garage equipment to handle about 10 to 15 vehicles for minor repairs, servicing and washing.

II. Fuel oil—(a) High Speed Diesel Oil, (b) Petrol.

III. Lubricants for petrol and Diesel vehicles.

D. D. SATHE
Provincial Motor
Transport Controller.

Provincial Motor Transport Control Office,
Industrial Assurance, Building.
Churchgate,
Bombay, March '48. 7758

PUBLIC NOTICES

OUDH TIRHUT RAILWAY
TENDER NO. HB-2 LIGHT FITTINGS 6/48

CONTROLLER OF STORES, O.T. Railway, Gorakhpur invites sealed tenders on the prescribed form for the supply of 1500 Nos. Single Light Fittings made of M.S. Sheets to I.R.S. Drg. No. 601. Tender forms can be had from the Controller of Stores, O.T. Railway Gorakhpur on payment in cash or by money order (not refundable) of Rupees three per set of the tender. The above tender number must be quoted in the relative money order. Tenders must reach the office of the Controller of Stores, O.T. Railway, Gorakhpur before 22nd April, 1948, on which date no tender will be sold. These will be opened the next day at 3 P.M.

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(7784)

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(7790)

IN THE MATTER OF INDIAN CO.'S ACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the BOMBAY MERCANTILE BANK LTD., will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank Madhavnagar, (Miraj Jr. State) on 24TH MARCH, 1948, at 3-30 P.M. (Standard Time), to receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation and to appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration. The name of M/s. LILANI & BHATT has been proposed to be joint auditors.

By Order of the Board,
P. N. CHADHA,
General Manager.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1948, to TUESDAY, 31st March, 1948, both days inclusive. (7791)

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE.
Special items costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on 26th April, 1948 at 12 O'Clock noon.

Tender No. SP/P/EB1/AX-209A for the supply of 70 cwts. Rivets Copper CSK Head to Drg. No. AX-209/A.

Tender forms and drawing can be obtained from the undernoted officials on payment of the following charges to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

(a) Tender Form at Rs. 5/- per copy from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.
(b) Drawing No. AX-209/A at Re. -/8/- per copy from the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah.

Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender form to the Controller of Stores and that of the drawings to Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah direct by Money Order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office, and then put into the Tender Box outside the Deputy General Manager's (Works) room by Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER,
7781

PROCLAMATION.

BOMBAY TO WIT:—By virtue of a Precept to me directed I hereby proclaim and give notice that the Second Sessions of 1948 of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery will be holden before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at the Court House on Thursday the 18th March 1948 at 10-45 O'Clock in the forenoon for the trial of all trespasses and other crimes Misdemeanors and offences committed within its Jurisdiction. (For further particulars see Bombay Government Gazette Part II dated 4th March 1948, page 188).

Dated this 17th March, 1948.

M. L. DAHANUKAR.
Sheriff of Bombay.
7786

PUBLIC NOTICES

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay invites tender upto 15.00 hours on Monday 12th April, 1948 for the reconditioning of M. S. Distance Pieces for 153 lbs. trough sleepers by welding and/or machining process. The form of Tender Schedule and conditions of Contract can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, G.I.P. Railway, Victoria Terminus, Bombay on payment of Rs. 2/- per set, which sum will not be refunded.

Tenders will be opened on 15-30 hours (S.T.) on MONDAY, 12th April. 1948. 7788

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Annual Contract item costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I Contract

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in General Manager's Office East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on 26-4-48 at 12 o'clock noon.

Tender No. S/NSD/47/Misc. for Body Building on 3 ton Chassis.

Tender forms with full particulars can be had from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firm's outside Calcutta may, however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in General Manager's office and then put into the Tender box outside the Deputy General Manager (Works) room by the tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER.
7782

BIKANER STATE RAILWAY

WANTED—TWO CARRIAGE EXAMINERS in the grade of Rs. 70-3-85 plus dearness allowance as may be admissible under the rules in force from time to time. Applications (with copies of testimonials) stating full particulars of educational qualification, technical training, past experience and present age should be submitted to the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Bikaner State Railway, Bikaner. (7783)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. K. B. VAKIL has contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim whatsoever to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at Readymoney Mansion, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. All other claims if any which are not so received will be considered as null void and waived.

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ALL THAT piece of vacant land of Government Toka Tenure situate at Sewri in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay admeasuring 1900 square yards and bearing Cadastral Survey No 5/172 and 173 Sewri Division and 'F' Ward No. 1242 and Street No. 170 and bounded, on the East partly by property of the Vendor and partly by property of K. J. Shroff and others, on the West by the property of the purchasers on the North partly by the property of Vendors and partly by property of Tokershi Jivraj and on the South by the property of the Purchasers.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1948.

KANGA & CO.,
Solicitors, High Court,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(7785)

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N.B.—The sales are restricted in the case of dangerous drugs to the holders of D. D. 1 or D. D 2 Licenses, in the case of foreign liquor to the holders of Trade and import Licenses and in the case of other excisable articles to the holder of requisite Excise Licences.

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(1) Cryptostogia grandiflora Rubber 234 Lbs.
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